

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
November 21, 2022
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice-Chair
Carmel Hambrook
Nancy McBain
Paul Mourant
Gilbert Cyr
Dean Mutch, Interim Superintendent
Alexis McAllister, Executive Assistant

Absent: Rev. Albertine LeBlanc (submitted comments via email)
Andy Flanagan

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Petersen called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:31 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 Gilbert Cyr and seconded by Paul Mourant that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION Mr. Daniel Doucet, Principal Parkwood Heights Elementary School</p> <p>Mr. Doucet gave a short presentation about Parkwood Heights Elementary School. He spoke about the increase in enrollments and class sizes. Mr. Doucet shared photos of the schools' sensory path, student Zen Den and Suite Retreat, which are different areas students can use to decompress and regroup.</p> <p>Mr. Doucet was pleased to announce that after-school activities are back, running from 3-4 pm, a couple days a week. Currently these activities are mainly sports,</p>

	<p>Ms. Carmel Hambrook asked Mr. Doucet why the activities were only sports. Mr. Doucet indicated that our district Phys. Ed. Lead, Mae Cameron, has been making the efforts to implement these programs. Intentions are to bring other activities, like music and art programs back, as they existed before the Covid pandemic.</p>
D.	<p>PRESENTATION Ms. Melanie Cortes, Regional Director Early Childhood Education</p> <p>Ms. Cortes gave a presentation on the Canada Wide- N.B. Childcare Agreement. The Federal Government has invested \$30 billion between 2021-2026, then another \$8 billion to maintain the changes that will be implemented. For New Brunswick, this means approximately \$500 million to improve quality, affordability, accessibility and improve inclusion processes for early childhood care and learning. Ms. Cortes discussed the two action plans developed to help disperse this funding over the 5 years.</p> <p>NB has committed to reducing the cost of childcare by the end of 2022. Create an average cost of \$10/day average for childcare by the end of 2026, focus on high quality, affordable, accessible services, address barriers that exist around inclusion, flexible hours, and infant spaces.</p> <p>Ms. Cortes spoke about the progress thus far. This included addressing the wage gap between the early childhood care sector and the education sector. Changes and goals to improve accessibility, the designation of facilities and improvements to create new spaces. Ms. Cortes also spoke to the proposed changes to education, programs for high school students and ongoing learning for childhood educators.</p> <p>At the end of her presentation, Ms. Cortes responded to questions from council members. Ms. McBain, Mr. Petersen, and the other members thanked Ms. Cortes for her informative presentation.</p>
E.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Nancy McBain and seconded by Paul Mourant that the minutes of the October 17, 2022, meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
F.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There was no business arising from minutes.</p>
G.	<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-5, EL-4 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Paul Mourant that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
<p>H.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>There were no correspondence items.</p>
<p>I.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Appointment of Chairperson for the Superintendent’s Evaluation Committee</p> <p>Sheila Rogers is the outgoing Chairperson for 2021-2022. Paul Mourant volunteered to act as Chairperson for the 2022-2023 Superintendent’s Evaluation Committee. Council members will complete the “Superintendent’s Annual Performance Review” form and return it to Mr. Mourant by February 24, 2023.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Gilbert Cyr and seconded by Sheila Rogers that Paul Mourant is the Chairperson for the Superintendent’s Evaluation Committee for 2022-2023. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>(b) Christmas Card and Poinsettias</p> <p>All Members present agreed that Christmas cards and poinsettias will be distributed to schools as Christmas Greetings.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Nancy McBain. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
<p>J.</p>	<p>CHAIR’S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen met with Leader of the New Brunswick Liberal Party, Susan Holt and MLA Francine Landry regarding the proposed Governance reform and the current role of the District Education Council. • Mr. Petersen and Vice-Chair, Sheila Rogers, Interim Superintendent, Dean Mutch and Interim Director of Schools, Rodney Buggie, attended the Student Leadership Conference in Fredericton. Mr. Petersen expressed his excitement in attending this event. He said it was refreshing to hear students speak about their education, their schools, and future plans. • Mr. Petersen also attended the Canadian School Board Association meeting in Fredericton. Ms. McBain accompanied Mr. Peterson at this meeting. Ms. McBain took in all the presentations, including a meeting with the new Minister of Education, Mr. Bill Hogan.

K.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Superintendent, Dean Mutch, gave a financial update to Council Members. • Mr. Mutch announced the following Starfish Award recipients: Karen Branch, Teacher SSHS Jennifer Hamilton, Subject Coordinator- ESS Alison Gallant, Teacher- MAA Kendra McLean, Teacher-MAA Kyle Dunnett, Teacher-MAA Kim Brennan- Technical Support Specialist I- ASD-N Brandy Taylor, School Library Worker I Eugene Manuel, Cheryl Williston, Blair Williston and Alisha Hare, Custodial Team- Gretna Green School
J.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p><u>Nancy McBain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy McBain attended the Canadian School Board Association meeting in Fredericton with Chairperson, Mr. Petersen. • Ms. McBain attended the Mi'kmaq flag raising ceremony at Dalhousie Regional High School. Ms. McBain was impressed and pleased with the school's efforts for inclusion, community support, and the support from students. • Ms. McBain attended a meeting for Jordan's Principle. Ms. McBain said discussions of the meeting centered around discrepancies in services, hiring and the approach being used. She would like to know at what level real decisions are made and how this can be improved. • Ms. McBain inquired about a policy for smudging in schools. She indicated that there appears to be a need for a policy for this type of activity, so it does not become restricted. There is also a need to bring more Mi'kmaq speaking Elders into the schools. She would like to know if we can reschedule a meeting that was previously cancelled to address these items. <p><u>Gilbert Cyr</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cyr attended a PSSC meeting at Sugarloaf Senior High School. The message he is receiving from parents is of deep concern for the future of the new school, the future of French Immersion, the mental health and wellbeing of students and teachers, and the future of the DEC and PSSCs. Parents are also concerned about the recruitment of volunteers and revival of afterschool programs.

Sheila Rogers

- Ms. Rogers attended the Janeville Elementary PSSC on Oct. 24th. The school sponsored the cross-country race for grades 3-5. The school has an upcoming Christmas concert in December. All staff are getting trained in First Aid, and the principal wanted to say that the staff are visibly fatigued at the end of the workday.
- The PSSC meeting for Terry Fox Elementary School was held on Oct. 25th, which Ms. Rogers also attended. TFES is a pilot school working on their Healthy School Certification. They have a program with a school in Ukraine in partnership with AEI, as well.
- Ms. Rogers attended the meeting with the Leader of the Liberal Party, Susan Holt, with Mr. Petersen, before the Student Leadership Conference in Fredericton. Ms. Rogers was also impressed with the presentations from students.

Carmel Hambrook

- Ms. Hambrook thanked members for their gift and card.
- Ms. Hambrook attended the virtual meeting for review and discussion on provincial assessments. There was a follow-up meeting held, but Ms. Hambrook was unable to attend.
- Ms. Hambrook was not able to attend the most recent PSSC meetings for Max Aitken Academy and Gretna Green School. She is waiting to hear of the rescheduled PSSC meeting date for Tabusintac School and meeting dates Miramichi Valley High School.

Paul Mourant

- Mr. Mourant attended the PSSC meetings for Bonar Law Memorial School and Rexton Elementary School. The concerns remain the same- lack of staff replacements, staff vacancies. BLMS held a very successful craft fair. The fair raises funds for the school.

Rev. Albertine LeBlanc

- Rev. LeBlanc attended the Blackville School PSSC meeting on Oct. 25th. The Acting Principal, Angela Moody, asked Rev. LeBlanc about bathroom renovations for the school and the remaining paving that needs to be completed. Next meeting is Dec. 6th.
- Blackville School held a Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11th, which Rev. LeBlanc attended and laid a wreath.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rev. LeBlanc was not able to attend the October PSSC meeting at North and South Esk Regional and the November meeting at North and South Esk Elementary.
K.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held virtually on December 19, 2022. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

Alexis McAllister
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