

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
October 15, 2018
Blackville School**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Joe Petersen, Vice-Chair
Ron Ecker
Andy Flanagan
Carmel Hambrook
Beatrice LeBlanc
Nancy McBain
Sheila Rogers
Mark Donovan, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:30 p.m. at Blackville School.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION: Rodney Buggie, Principal – Blackville School</p> <p>Mr. Buggie welcomed the District Education Council members to Blackville School. He informed the members that he is currently in his sixth year as Principal of that school and has been a member of the teaching staff for twenty years. Mr. Buggie stated that the original school burned in 1971-72, and that it was rebuilt and opened in 1974 as a Grade 1-9 school. Blackville School is now a K-12 school with 378 students currently enrolled.</p> <p>The Blackville School students live within a 15-20 kilometer radius of the school between Upper Blackville and Upper Derby. The school has 30 FTE teachers, 13 educational assistants, 4.5 custodians, 8 bus drivers and one administrative assistant. There are currently 46 potential graduates for this school year.</p> <p>Mr. Buggie highlighted the student activities at each of the elementary, middle school and high school levels. There are common activities in which students can participate, such as dances, activity nights, Orange Shirt Day and Pumpkin Fling competition. "The Blackville Talon" is the school's on-line newspaper, and it is a</p>

	<p>project overseen by the Journalism class. A technology project is also being planned to print Safe Grad t-shirts with the help of Brilliant Labs equipment.</p> <p>The staff at Blackville School participate in wellness activities and professional development opportunities at the school. A wellness board is also located in the staff room.</p> <p>As a token of appreciation for hosting the regular meeting of the District Education Council, Mr. Mortlock presented Mr. Buggie with a book for his school library.</p>
<p>D.</p>	<p>Presentation: Natalie LeBlanc, Denise Maltais and Ida Haggerty, CUPE Local 2745 – “Save Our School Libraries”</p> <p>Natalie LeBlanc, Denise Maltais and Ida Haggerty are representatives of CUPE Local 2745, and they shared information about their “Save Our School Libraries” campaign with Council members. As Ms. LeBlanc reviewed her PowerPoint presentation, she stated that the objective of the campaign is to promote awareness about reduced hours and funding for school libraries, and to obtain support to keep school libraries open. The committee also hopes to achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and improve existing libraries • Guaranteed hours of work • A revised funding formula for library staffing and resources • Readily available, accurate statistics of library funding and usage <p>A discussion followed in which District Education Council members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Ms. LeBlanc concluded her presentation by thanking the members for allowing her and her colleagues the opportunity to present at their meeting. Ms. LeBlanc agreed to forward her PowerPoint presentation to Mr. Mortlock, and she invited him to share the campaign’s message with other District Education Council Chairs in the province.</p>
<p>E.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Ron Ecker and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
<p>F.</p>	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>(a) Policy E-12: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the District Education Council approve and adopt <i>Policy E-12: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities</i>. MOTION CARRIED. During a brief discussion, Mr. Mortlock thanked Mr. Petersen and his committee for the time that they devoted to drafting the policy and for vetting it through the ASD-N Human Resources Department.</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-3, E-7 – In Compliance - See attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Joe Petersen that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
H.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock presented a letter he received from Mr. John McLaughlin, Deputy Minister, in which Mr. McLaughlin acknowledged receipt of Anglophone North School District's 2017-2018 Annual Report and First Nation Report. Mr. McLaughlin also acknowledged all of the work that Superintendent Mark Donovan and district staff have accomplished, particularly with their efforts in literacy, numeracy, science, helping to build students' resilience, and First Nations Education.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Ron Ecker that this correspondence item be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
I.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) List of Triggered Schools – 2018-2019</p> <p>Discussion was held about the list of triggered schools that require a sustainability study or an exemption request for 2018-2019.</p> <p>During the discussion, Council members expressed concern about the enrolment of only 9 students at Tide Head School and the quality of education that can be achieved. IT WAS MOVED BY Ron Ecker and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the District Education Council give Micheal Mortlock permission to address the parents of Tide Head School and inform them that the District Education Council will be considering an early closure of the school, prior to 2020, based on the quality of education and the resources that are being provided to the school. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the 2018-2019 list of triggered schools, which was received from Mr. John McLaughlin, Deputy Minister, be tabled until a later date. MOTION CARRIED.</p>

J.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock recently had an opportunity to discuss the status of the architectural design and tender for the new Campbellton school with Hon. Brian Kenny. Mr. Mortlock also requested the Minister's consideration in having a geothermal or solar heating system installed at the new school.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reminded members of the Fall Symposium being held in Fredericton on November 2, 3 and 4. He will contact Stacey Brown, DEC Manager, to confirm the names of the ASD-N Parent School Support Committee members who will also be attending the symposium.</p>
K.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Donovan reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starfish Awards were recently awarded to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Helen Firth, SIS Specialist, PowerSchool - Dalhousie Education Center -Denis Theriault, I.T. Technician – Dalhousie Education Center -Lori Murdock, Human Resources Officer - Miramichi Education Center -Jerry Lapointe, Assistant Facilities Manager – Bathurst Education Center -Stewart Stanger, Director of Human Resources – Bathurst Education Center • Nominations for Outstanding Volunteers were received for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Louise Brophy, Peggy McLaughlin and Mary Ellen Sturgeon – Blackville School -Robbie Cormier – Eleanor W. Graham Middle School -Melanie Gillis Buckley – Napan Elementary School -Stacy Chamberlain and Amanda Lavigne – Parkwood Heights Elementary <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Beatrice LeBlanc that Certificates of Appreciation be prepared and forwarded to each of these volunteers. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Crisis Response Team did a very admirable job in offering support to the staff and students at Superior Middle School following the death of a student. This crisis event illustrated the ongoing need for a clear mental health strategy in Anglophone North School District. • Emergency repairs will be needed to repair the ceilings in thirteen classrooms at L. E. Reinsborough School. These ceilings became compromised as a result of substandard work that was completed many years ago. There will be no classes for students on October 16 in order for staff to move into other classrooms until the repairs are completed.

- Following Mrs. Ellen Lee's presentation at the September District Education Council meeting, Mr. Donovan helped to jumpstart Janeville Elementary School's Bike Project by purchasing and delivering two mountain bikes, helmets and a bicycle pump to a group of very excited students at the school.
- A "just like new" jungle gym set was installed at Harcourt School this past summer. This was a partnership between ASD-N and Big Brothers Big Sisters.
- The SNAP (Stop Now And Play) Program is a self-regulation program that began last year at King Street Elementary School and Max Aitken Academy, and has been expanded this year to include Gretna Green, Nelson and Millerton. This program is fully funded by Big Brothers Big Sisters.
- The school district is currently projecting a deficit of \$68,364 at fiscal year-end, which is a significant reduction from the deficit of \$271,087 that was projected in the June, 2018 Expenditure Plan. ASD-N is anticipating a surplus in teachers' salaries and a reduction in the forecasted expenses for utilities and contracted conveyances.

Mr. Donovan also informed Council members that all school districts are reporting a major shortfall with regard to educational assistants. At present, there is a funding shortfall for 34 educational assistants in Anglophone North School District, which translates into approximately \$750,000-\$800,000.

- Mr. Adam Hayward was contracted by schools in Nunavut last year to provide one week of teacher training. Mr. Donovan noted that three communities in Nunavut are again seeking the district's support for ongoing teacher training during this school year. He has informed ASD-N teachers about this opportunity and will keep Council members up to date in this regard.
- ASD-N students recorded a minimum of 3,300 acts of kindness on Saturday, September 15, in honor of Rebecca Schofield. Rebecca's mother was impressed with the support shown by the school district.
- Mr. Donovan reported on the ERDI (Education Research and Development Institute) Conference he recently attended in Calgary. Travel expenses for this conference were funded by the institute.
- Kindergarten registrations were held on October 9-12. The district office has not yet received the 2019 Kindergarten enrolment figures from the schools.
- An evening with General Romeo Dallaire will be held at the Rodd Miramichi on November 1. This event will kick off the Africa 2020 project. General

	<p>Dallaire will also travel to Bathurst High School on November 2 where he will deliver a speech to the general public. Tickets for that event can be purchased at a cost of \$20.00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Donovan, Mr. Mortlock, in-school administrators and teachers will be attending the Cannabis Symposium in Fredericton on November 2.
L.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Ecker stated that PSSC meetings were held at North & South Esk Elementary School and Millerton School to elect their PSSC members.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen noted that the first PSSC meeting in his subdistrict will be held on October 30 at Dalhousie Regional High School.</p> <p>Mrs. Hambrook informed members that Max Aitken Academy received the most votes in Canada as part of the Aviva Community Fundraising project, and has become a finalist for the \$100,000 prize for new playground equipment. This school's annual gas fundraiser is also underway, and it will soon be preparing for the Halloween Parade, Remembrance Day Ceremony and Christmas Concerts. Mrs. Hambrook is planning to attend the PSSC meeting at Max Aitken Academy on October 16.</p> <p>Mrs. LeBlanc reported that the playground equipment at Harcourt School is very nice and that the community loves it. She also sent emails out to the schools in her subdistrict requesting information about PSSC meeting dates.</p> <p>Ms. McBain attended the Orange Shirt Day at Dalhousie Regional High School and was really impressed about how well the teachers have embraced this event. She also noted that events will be held to support the Red Shawl Campaign, a program designed to honor missing and murdered women and to promote the protection of women across Canada.</p> <p>Ms. Rogers reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bathurst High School's Grade 9 Commencement Ceremony and Open House was held on October 4, 2018. - Janeville Elementary School held an "Apple Exploring" STEM activity, and students made a delicious apple sauce. - Parkwood Heights Elementary School had a demonstration of an award-winning catapult from the ASD-N Pumpkin Fling Catapult Competition to launch their monthly STEM initiative. The second-place winners donated their \$500 prize to the school. - Terry Fox Elementary School will be starting a new initiative with Meredith Caissie and Craig Duplessie to create a feature, "What's Cool About My School", to share with the community. The first production will be available soon.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students at Terry Fox Elementary School also participated in the Terry Fox Run. - The Provincial Curriculum Evaluation and Assessment Committee will meet in Fredericton on November 28 and 29, 2018. <p>Mr. Flanagan reported on the Fall Fair held at King Street Elementary School. He also confirmed that work on the field house at King Street Elementary School has now been completed. He will also be attending some upcoming PSSC meetings in his subdistrict.</p> <p>Mr. Flanagan received inquiries about the ventilation in the mezzanine area of the gym at Dr. Losier Middle School. He directed the inquiries to Ron Lavigne, Facilities Manager. Mr. Donovan stated that he will also look into this matter and report back to the members.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock attended Orange Shirt Day at Lord Beaverbrook School. PSSC meetings are beginning to be held in his subdistrict. He will be attending the PSSC meeting at Tide Head School on October 16, Campbellton Middle School on October 17, and Lord Beaverbrook School on October 22.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported that the school start-up this year went extremely well. He extended congratulations to Mr. Donovan for everything he does for the school district, especially for the people in the northern region of ASD-N.</p>
M.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on November 19, 2018 at Elsipogtog School.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnnett

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