

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
September 16, 2019
L. E. Reinsborough School**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Joe Petersen, Vice-Chair
Carmel Hambrook
Rev. Albertine LeBlanc
Beatrice LeBlanc
Nancy McBain
Sheila Rogers
Mark Donovan, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Andy Flanagan

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 L. E. Reinsborough School.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Joe Petersen that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION: Mr. Reggie Cyr, Principal, L. E. Reinsborough School</p> <p>Mr. Cyr welcomed the District Education Council members to L. E. Reinsborough School. He introduced himself as the Principal, and he introduced Cynthia Harquail, Vice-Principal, and Karen Adams, Administrative Assistant.</p> <p>The highlights of Mr. Cyr's presentation included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school year began with a fresh start following some renovations completed during the summer. • Mr. Cyr is proud of the school's connection with the community. He emphasized the importance of also connecting with students to help engage them and build their confidence. He believes that "to build confidence, it breeds success". Mr. Cyr shared a particular situation in which he was able to develop a connection with a student.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He reviewed some of the special projects at L.E.R. He explained the tree box project, and he acknowledged the work of special needs students who helped with the project. The fronts of the boxes have the words “Welcome”, “Bon Jour” and “Weli Eksitpu’k” to recognize the three different cultures. There is also a plan to build a wigwam in the courtyard area, and to have high school students construct benches. L.E.R. is also hoping to revamp its playground. • The school is striving to improve the delivery of Science at all grade levels through the development of Makerspace stations. Among the projects, there will be a focus on circuitry and turbines. • Mr. Cyr noted that L.E. Reinsborough School received an award from the Canadian Association for Community Living in recognition of its contributions to the community. <p>As a token of appreciation for hosting the District Education Council meeting, Mr. Mortlock presented Mr. Cyr with a book for the school library.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Joe Petersen that the minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There was a brief discussion about the DEC Retreat on October 25-26, 2019. Mrs. Dunnett will make the necessary arrangements with the Richibucto River Resort.</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-4, E-4a, EL-2, EL-5, EL-8 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Nancy McBain that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>District Education Council members received all correspondence items prior to this meeting, including the minutes of the DEC Chairs Meeting held on August 28, 2019.</p>

H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no new business to discuss.</p>
I.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock informed Council members that he has not received any further information about the construction of the new school in Campbellton.</p>
J.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Donovan reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He provided Council members with the current school enrollments. • Unexpected transfers of students during the summer have resulted in the hiring of additional educational assistants. Due to an influx of students overall, there has also been an increase in FTE's in schools. These factors may have an impact on the second budget report. • A 2019 "Timeline for French Immersion – Rexton Area Schools" was distributed to Council members. It contained a monthly timeline of French Immersion events. • Orange Shirt Day will be celebrated on September 30. ASD-N is hopeful that it can replicate the 100% participation it received in 2018. • A flag-raising celebration is scheduled for September 30 at Sugarloaf Senior High School. This will be the first school in New Brunswick to fly the Mi'kmaq Grand Council flag. • Anglophone North School District has entered into a partnership with the Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore, Maryland to recognize the interests, strengths and potential of marginalized students, and to provide support so that they can achieve greater success in school and in their careers. • A meeting will be held on September 17, 2019 with community and business leaders in Dalhousie, NB to build possible partnerships. • Six of the eight high schools have confirmed their participation in the Peru educational experience scheduled for April/May. This trip will be taken in lieu of the African project, which had to be cancelled due to the outbreak of Ebola. • Anglophone North School District is awaiting approval of the cultural exchange proposal for the Northwest Territories. If approved, Heritage Canada will fully fund a student trip to Inuvik. Three to four Grade 9-11

students in each ASD-N high school will have the opportunity to participate in this cultural exchange. The students from ASD-N and Inuvik will spend seven days in each community.

- Personalization Grants of \$1,500 are available to teachers to help support them at the classroom level.
- The Lead 2019 Conference, formerly the NB Principals' Meeting, will be held on October 3 and 4 in Fredericton, NB.
- The New Brunswick Education Summit is scheduled for October 16-18, 2019 in Fredericton. Anglophone North School District will be represented by the Superintendent, Mr. Mike Mortlock, two district staff members, two principals, and two former recipients of the Minister's Excellence in Education Award.
- The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will soon be announcing the ten recipients of the 2018-2019 Minister's Excellence in Education Award. Two recipients were selected from the seven nominations that Anglophone North School District received.
- The Student Leadership Conference is scheduled for November 14-16 in Fredericton. The DEC Chairs and Co-Chairs will have an opportunity to meet with high school students and listen to their concerns.

A Council member inquired about the practice of reviewing survey results. Mr. Donovan informed the member that the Senior Admin Team and Kim Cripps, Supervisor of Data and Accountability, review the results each year to determine if there have been improvements, and to address, with the administrators, any areas that have recurring themes. He noted that data drives the educational system in Anglophone North School District.

Mr. Donovan will inform high school principals about the Student Leadership Conference and that expenses will be covered by the school district.

- The Kraft Hockeyville event will take place on Wednesday, September 18. All schools were given tickets to raffle for the Montreal Canadiens' and Florida Panthers' practice and game at the K.C. Irving Center on that date. All Blackville School students will be travelling by chartered busses to the practice.
- Mr. Tim Dunn, Director of Finance and Administration, is willing to make arrangements with Mr. Francois Godin, Senior Project Manager of Educational Facilities and Pupil Transportation, to give a presentation to Council members about the process involved with major capital projects. The members gave Mr. Donovan permission to arrange this meeting with Mr. Dunn and Mr. Godin.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglophone North School District will be undergoing a Crisis Response Audit. As part of this audit, all district and school staff will be required to wear their identification cards at all times. • Matthew Sweezey will be contacting First Nation partners concerning the 2020 World Indigenous Peoples' Conference in Australia. There will be an opportunity for students to travel to Australia as delegates for this conference.
K.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p>Joe Petersen reported that the meeting with DEC Chairs and Co-Chairs on August 28 was very interesting, and he learned a lot about policies.</p> <p>Sheila Rogers stated that representatives from universities and colleges will be at Bathurst High School on September 16 for its Post-Secondary Night. Ms. Rogers also noted that Terry Fox Elementary School and Parkwood Heights Elementary School have designated one Wednesday each month as a half day for professional learning opportunities.</p> <p>Carmel Hambrook sent emails to the principals in her subdistrict asking that, in addition to receiving dates for their Parent School Support Committee meetings, they inform her about other special school events.</p> <p>Beatrice LeBlanc requested the schools in her subdistrict to provide her with their PSSC meeting schedules. She also received clarification from Mr. Donovan about the Late Immersion and Post-Intensive French programs.</p> <p>Rev. Albertine LeBlanc contacted the four schools in her subdistrict, and she visited North & South Esk Regional School. She will be acquiring the PSSC meeting schedules from each of the schools. Rev. LeBlanc also reported on the "Strategic Development Day" that she recently attended at Rodd Miramichi. She noted that there was a great discussion about education at that event. A short discussion followed among Council members about the shortage of psychologists in New Brunswick.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock inquired about the terminology or statement that should be used to properly recognize the First Nations community when opening a meeting. Ms. McBain will seek clarification in this regard.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock informed members that at the Principals' Retreat in August 2019, he informed principals about Parent School Support Committee rules, regulations and expenditures. He also informed them that four PSSC meetings are required during the school year. District Education Council members will be receiving a complete schedule of PSSC meetings for all schools in Anglophone North School District.</p>

L.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on October 21, 2019 at Miramichi Rural School. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 on a motion by Joe Petersen.
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Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

Brenda Dunnett
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC