

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES  
September 17, 2018  
Janeville Elementary School**

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

Regrets: Beatrice LeBlanc

	<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>
<b>A.</b>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p>Mr. Mortlock called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:30 p.m. at Janeville Elementary School.</p>
<b>B.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Ron Ecker and seconded by Joe Petersen that the Agenda be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>C.</b>	<p><b>PRESENTATION: Ellen Lee, Principal – Janeville Elementary School</b></p> <p>Mrs. Lee is the Principal of Janeville Elementary School, a school which has an enrollment of 28 students and encompasses the area from Grand Anse to Salmon Beach. She began her presentation by drawing the relationship between rural school education and Objective 7 of the 10-Year Education Plan: <i>Ensure all learners develop the knowledge, skills and behaviors needed to continually adapt to, and thrive in, their environment.</i> Mrs. Lee noted that studies have shown that children in smaller schools tend to be more successful and participate in extra-curricular activities to a higher degree. The participation rate and attendance at Janeville Elementary School is no less than 90%.</p> <p>Mrs. Lee explained that rural schools are the heart and hub of the community, and she noted that the gym at Janeville Elementary School is regularly used by the community. It also hosts the annual Christmas Concert and Dinner, as well as</p>

	<p>other special events. The school has a very strong Home &amp; School Association, which recently purchased new blinds for the classrooms.</p> <p>Mrs. Lee highlighted some of the unique programs and projects at Janeville Elementary School, including a greenhouse project, a library lighthouse which was constructed by a student's grandfather, and the new Bicycle Project. Funds raised for the Bicycle Project will be used to purchase bikes and helmets for children to use during break time. Students at Janeville Elementary School love the outdoors, and Mrs. Lee explained plans for outdoor classrooms and other activities.</p> <p>Mrs. Lee concluded her presentation by stating that the staff at Janeville Elementary School always ensure that the children feel loved and that they are given every opportunity to learn and do well.</p> <p>As a token of appreciation for hosting the District Education Council meeting, Mr. Mortlock presented Mrs. Lee with a book for her school library.</p>
D.	<p><b>Presentation: Melanie Cortes, Regional Director of Early Childhood Education – “L’Nu Please Tell Me A Story”</b></p> <p>Mrs. Cortes thanked the District Education Council members for the opportunity to share her information. She informed the members that \$70,000,000 was invested by the province to enhance Early Childhood Education. She noted that this program works parallel with the school districts, and part of her responsibilities is to help build a connection between Early Childhood Education and the school district. She stated that there have been some challenges in this regard, but there have also been good opportunities to learn from one another as well.</p> <p>Great work is now happening by Early Childhood Education in supporting the various needs of pre-school aged children and preparing them for Kindergarten. Mrs. Cortes noted that there are designated spaces available for Early Childhood services at Max Aitken Academy, Gretna Green School and King Street Elementary School, and space will also be available at the new K-5 Campbellton school when it opens in 2020.</p> <p>Mrs. Cortes presented the project entitled, “L’Nu Please Tell Me a Story”. The intent of this project was to introduce various components of First Nation cultures to non-Indigenous pre-school aged children and Early Childhood educators using a variety of multimodal literacy opportunities. Mrs. Cortes began her learning from an Elder in Elsipogtog about Indigenous culture. Realizing that there was a gap among non-Indigenous people in their knowledge about First Nation culture, Mrs. Cortes felt compelled to utilize literacy funding, which was provided by Education and Early Childhood Development, to help close this gap.</p> <p>Donna Augustine, a Mi’kmaq Elder from Elsipogtog, participated in Mrs. Cortes’ 13-week project designed to teach pre-school aged children at daycare centers about First Nation culture. During the project, Ms. Augustine interacted with the children by sharing stories and engaging them through song, dance, and other First</p>

	<p>Nation activities. The children were also able to interact with a class from Natoaganeg School. Mrs. Cortes showed a video highlighting many of the activities that the children experienced throughout the project.</p> <p>The project concluded with a closing ceremony at Beaubears Island where the Assistant Deputy Minister, the Superintendent, and other Early Childhood Directors from around the province joined the educators and children for a celebration involving traditional drum groups, sharing circles and a meal. A similar celebration was held at Creating Wonders Daycare in Rexton.</p> <p>Council members commended Mrs. Cortes on her wonderful presentation and the message that she conveyed about supporting and educating children from birth to graduation. Mr. Mortlock offered the District Education Council's support in endorsing the Early Childhood Education program and in providing any assistance it can in making funds available.</p>
<b>E.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Sheila Rogers and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the minutes of the August 20, 2018 meeting be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>F.</b>	<p><b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>
<b>G.</b>	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</b></p> <p><b>Policy Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) GP 1,2,3,4,5,7 – Meeting Review Form</li> <li>(ii) C/SR 4 – Meeting Review Form</li> <li>(iii) EL 1,7 – Meeting Review Form</li> <li>(iv) E-4, E-4a, EL-2, EL-5, EL-8 – In Compliance - See attached Briefing Notes</li> </ul> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Sheila Rogers and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>H.</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>All correspondence items were forwarded to the District Education Council members prior to this meeting.</p>
<b>I.</b>	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>(a) Draft Policy E-12: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Joe Petersen and seconded by Andy Flanagan that “Draft #1” of Policy E-12: <i>Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities</i> be vetted through the Human Resources Department before it is adopted. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> This policy will be included on the October 15, 2018 agenda.</p>

<p><b>J.</b></p>	<p><b>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</b></p> <p>Mr. Mortlock stated that school start-up went very well. He acknowledged Mr. Donovan's work during the summer months in preparing for the teachers' orientation in August.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported on the new Policy 711: <i>Healthier School Food Environment</i>. He noted that at this point in time, the school principal and the Parent School Support Committee will administer the policy at their respective schools. Mr. Donovan added that he forwarded an email to the principals with information about the policy, and that there will be further discussions at the Provincial Principals' Meeting in October.</p> <p>Discussion continued among Council members about Policy 711, cafeteria service providers, breakfast programs and food that can be sold at fund-raising activities. Privately-operated cafeteria providers were acknowledged for the healthy food that they offer to students, and it was noted that possibly the structure of these cafeterias could be replicated in other schools and school districts.</p> <p>Big Brothers Big Sisters, various organizations, local stores and farmers were acknowledged as well for their support and donations of food for the breakfast and lunch programs in ASD-N schools.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock stated that the province will be providing funding, for this school year only, to help schools cover the loss of revenue that they may experience while transitioning to the new Policy 711. The policy promotes healthier eating practices, and members agreed that it will have a positive impact on students, especially on younger students, by helping them to improve their eating habits by the time they reach high school.</p>
<p><b>K.</b></p>	<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</b></p> <p>Mr. Donovan reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Despite the gap between the number of students who graduated in June, 2018 and the number of students who entered Kindergarten this school year, Mr. Donovan noted that the number of International students, newcomers and student transfers helped to mitigate this gap. The 2018-2019 enrolment is currently at 7,297 students compared to the September 30, 2017 enrolment of 7,317 students. Mr. Donovan also noted that the school enrolment at Tide Head School decreased from 20 students to 9 students due to students transferring to Lord Beaverbrook School.</li> </ul> <p>There was discussion about the number of International students who currently attend Anglophone North School District and the possibility of finding new ways to attract more AEI students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At present, there is a surplus of 1.5 FTE teachers in ASD-N.</li> </ul>

- The demand for Educational Assistants is an ongoing concern. The district currently has 261 Educational Assistants in the system but is only funded for 235. Discussions continue to be held with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in this regard.
- Fifteen “B” contract teaching positions were awarded in June, 2018. Mr. Donovan expects that the district will award ten more “B” contracts to very deserving teachers in October.
- Mr. Donovan’s priority is to visit every school in Anglophone North School District during the 2018-2019 school year. He will also make himself available to attend school staff meetings when requested.
- Council members were provided with a memo that Mr. Donovan forwarded to all staff in Anglophone North School District with regard to “District-Wide Expectations”. There are plans to formalize this list of expectations into a district policy.
- Mr. Donovan discussed initiatives that will be part of the district’s focus during the 2018-2019 school year. These include:
  - Personalization and innovation, with Superior Middle School being the lead school. This school will be changing their schedule to ensure prescribed teaching minutes are met. Students will have a half-day on Wednesdays in order to allow teachers sufficient planning time.
  - The District Improvement Plan will be re-vamped to reflect district goals.
  - The John Howard Society will be working with schools to speak about the ill effects of cannabis use. Mr. Donovan noted that questions about the cannabis legislation will be discussed at the Provincial Principals’ Meeting. He also stated that cannabis consumption will be considered the same as alcohol use.
  - Planning for Juno 2019 will continue this school year.
  - Middle school track and field will be re-introduced in ASD-N.
  - There will be a sustained focus on STEM learning.
  - John Fletcher is the district’s new School Mental Health Mentor. He was hired in support of Objective 7 of the 10-Year Education Plan. Mr. Donovan mentioned as well that “Mental Health” will be included on the agenda at the Provincial Principals’ Meeting in Fredericton, and students from James M. Hill will be giving their presentation on “Mental Health Issues” at the DEC Symposium in November.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The “Get Fit” initiative is underway in Anglophone North School District to promote healthy living. Participating fitness centers and the school district will each cover 25% of the employees’ membership fees.</li> <li>- Lieutenant-General Romeo Dallaire will be the special speaker at the dinner and silent auction at the Rodd Miramichi on November 1, 2018. This event will launch the Africa 2020 project.</li> </ul>
<b>L.</b>	<p><b>DEC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS</b></p> <p>Sheila Rogers reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students and teachers from the Bathurst area recently participated in a 16-day trip to China. Ms. Rogers suggested the possibility of inviting one of the teachers, Debbie Walls, to give a presentation about the trip at a District Education Council meeting.</li> <li>• Bathurst High School participated in the “Becca Told Me To” campaign by performing acts of kindness on Saturday, September 15.</li> <li>• Superior Middle School is starting its new personalized learning approach. The school also started a Healthy Mind and Body Group to help with removing the stresses before starting academics.</li> </ul> <p>Carmel Hambrook sent emails to the principals in her subdistrict and received a list of activities from two of the schools. The opening of the new addition at Max Aitken Academy will be announced soon, and Tabusintac Community School will be informing her about PSSC meetings dates.</p> <p>Joe Petersen mentioned that Kim Cook-Corlett and seven of her students will give their presentation on “Mental Health Issues” at the DEC Symposium. Stacey Brown will be contacted about the possibility of presenting gifts to these students following their presentation.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen inquired about the protocol that is followed for selecting recipients of the Minister’s Excellence in Education Award. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that going forward, a committee will be formed to review the nominations. This committee will also include the Regional Director of Early Childhood Education.</p> <p>Andy Flanagan stated that King Street Elementary School opened its new playground this month. He noted that the playground is different and that students will certainly enjoy it.</p> <p>Mr. Flanagan indicated that James M. Hill’s Second Annual Homecoming will be held on September 18. A flag football game will be held between the staff and students. Mr. Flanagan also attended “Meet the Teacher” at Dr. Losier Middle</p>

	<p>School. He will be receiving PSSC information from Napan Elementary School, Nelson Rural School and Miramichi Rural School in the near future.</p> <p>Nancy McBain stated that she recently travelled to the Yukon. She also informed members that she has been asked to sit on the NEAT (Native Education Advisory Team) Committee. She will be representing the District Education Council on this committee.</p> <p>Ms. McBain noted that schools are using funding for Jordan's Principle to help offset the Educational Assistant needs in the district. Mr. Donovan added that this funding can also be used for teaching staff.</p>
<b>M.</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on October 15, 2018 at Blackville School.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by Brenda Dunnett*

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