

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
September 18, 2017
Bonar Law Memorial School**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Joe Petersen, Vice-Chair
Ron Ecker
Carmel Hambrook
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 6:20 p.m. at Bonar Law Memorial 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. Paul Mourant, Principal, Bonar Law Memorial School</p> <p>Mr. Mourant welcomed the District Education Council members to Bonar Law Memorial School, a Grade 9-12 school which was built in 1978. There are 352 students currently enrolled, 195 of whom are identified as First Nation students. This translates into 55% of the school's population being First Nation students, the highest percentage in any public school in New Brunswick. He reviewed a breakdown of staff members. He also indicated that there are two alternate learning sites, one at the school and one based at the adult learning center in Elsipogtog. Mr. Mourant stated that the school operates a very successful cafeteria with all profits going towards the Student Council.</p> <p>Mr. Mourant highlighted some of the interesting projects and events at Bonar Law Memorial School. These include the Experiences Canada Exchange Program with</p>

	<p>Dublin, Manitoba, the implementation of the Integrated Service Delivery, the construction of a greenhouse through grants received by the school, the start of the regular soccer and baseball season, regular blood donor clinics at the school, a Pow Wow on October 6, the annual Turkey Bowl with school staff playing against the graduating class, and the construction of a new all-gender washroom.</p> <p>Mr. Mourant shared some of the reasons for celebration at Bonar Law Memorial School. He stated that the drop-out rate at the school has decreased from 7%-8% down to 1.7%. He attributed this success to the different learning environment that the alternate sites are able to offer to at-risk students.</p> <p>Mr. Mourant stated that the English Language Provincial Assessment results continue to improve and are approaching a score of 80%. There has also been continued growth in numeracy at the Grade 9 and 10 level. As well, students have become more interested in Science, and this is due in large part to the Science Lead being available in the school building. He noted that two busses full of students travelled to the Science Fair during this past school year. Mr. Mourant also noted that the track and field teams have been provincial champions for the past 11 years.</p> <p>Bonar Law Memorial School continues to promote cultural awareness. As an example, the school has held a luncheon featuring First Nation and Acadian food. This and other similar events help to promote local cultures and provide another means for students to feel welcome and comfortable attending that school.</p> <p>Before Mr. Mourant concluded his presentation, he played a portion of the Artist in Residency-recorded song, "Built On Tender Hearts". This song was written and recorded by students at Bonar Law Memorial School, and it will soon be available on iTunes.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock thanked Mr. Mourant for his presentation. He presented Mr. Mourant with a book for the school library as a token of appreciation for hosting the District Education Council meeting.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock confirmed that arrangements have been made with Natoaganeg School in Eel Ground to host the regular October meeting of the District Education Council.</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 Ron Ecker that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Correspondence items were forwarded to the DEC members for their review prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock informed Council members that he received the Grade 12 Exit Survey results from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. He will forward this document to the Council members, as well as a copy of the Grade 12 Exit Survey summary report, which was prepared by the Kim Cripps, Supervisor of Data and Accountability for Anglophone North School District.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Travel Policy</p> <p>The provincial District Education Council Travel Policy was tabled until the next regular meeting on October 16, 2017.</p>
I.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock confirmed that the new King Street Elementary School opened on schedule, and that the official opening was postponed until a later date.</p>
J.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Donovan reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He distributed the current school enrolment figures to Council members. He noted that there are collective agreement issues which warrant additional teachers in four schools. There is the possibility that a teacher may need to be transferred from a school that is over-staffed to a school that is in need of a teacher. The school district has until September 30 to make these adjustments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A break-down of student transfer requests was reviewed with the members. These include out-of-zone transfer requests and transfers from the Francophone school districts. • Mr. Tim Dunn will provide a monthly budget update in an effort to monitor the projected deficit situation. This information will be shared with District Education Council members. • The official opening of the King Street Turf Field was held on September 15. Mr. Andy Flanagan brought greetings on behalf of the District Education Council at this ceremony. • Mr. Donovan has been visiting the schools and education centers in the northern region of the school district. He plans to continue to visit that area as often as he can. • He will be addressing the Grade 9 students at the Bathurst High School Commencement Ceremony on September 28. • Mr. Donovan plans to continue the practice of holding student focus group meetings at schools in the district. He recently delivered lunch to the staff and students of Tide Head School, and he was able to spend some time visiting with them. • He was interviewed by Jim Chamberlain on the local Rogers Cable network to discuss some of the good things that are happening in Anglophone North School District. • A group of teachers will be travelling to New York City for the World Maker Faire Conference. Anglophone North School District has partnered with Brilliant Labs to make this exciting professional development opportunity available to teachers. • Starfish Awards were awarded to Joan MacMillan, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and to Alistair Tulloch, Provincial Power School Lead.
K.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p>Joe Petersen attended the Council of DEC Chairs meeting on September 5. He noted that there was discussion about the success of the DEC Spring Symposium, with twice as many participants attending this year than in the previous year.</p> <p>Sheila Rogers reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Provincial Curriculum and Evaluation Advisory Committee held a conference call on August 22, 2017. Mrs. Rogers provided the DEC

	<p>members with an update on several courses. Since there was no quorum at that meeting, motions will be made at the November meeting. Ms. Rogers also noted a concern raised by a committee member about proposed increased class sizes in vocational courses. The committee will be discussing this matter further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District Health Advisory Committee will meet on October 6 at the Bathurst Education Center to revise and update the work plan for 2015-2018. • Terry Fox Elementary School and Superior Middle School will be sending teachers to the Brilliant Labs Maker Faire Conference in New York City. This will be an opportunity for teachers to receive the tools and ideas they need to help students incorporate new technology into their work and to help them do curriculum-related projects. Ms. Rogers also noted that the Home and School Association at Terry Fox Elementary School has allocated \$5,000 to set up a Brilliant Lab at that school. <p>Carmel Hambrook sent an email to the principals in her subdistrict to introduce herself and to ask them to keep her up to date with regard to any upcoming events at their schools. She also informed the principals that she is available to attend PSSC meetings, and asked them to contact her if PSSC training is needed.</p> <p>Nancy McBain will be attending an Objective 6 meeting, as well as Conflict Resolution Training. She will report on these meetings at the next District Education Council meeting.</p> <p>Mike Mortlock stated that PSSC members will soon be starting their meetings at the schools in his subdistrict. He noted that Campbellton Middle School is planning an Open House in the near future. On September 20, 2017, Mr. Mortlock will be attending a provincial committee meeting to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation process.</p>
L.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on October 16, 2017 at Natoaganeg School at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

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