

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
April 15, 2013
Sugarloaf Senior High School**

Present: Mike Mortlock, Chair
Mike Coster, Vice-Chair
Andy Flanagan
Raymond Murphy
Joe Petersen
Sheila Rogers
Nancy Boucher, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

	AGENDA ITEM
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at Sugarloaf Senior High School. He welcomed Tim Jaques, News Editor for "The Tribune".</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Raymond Murphy and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION: Gilbert Cyr, Principal, Sugarloaf Senior High School</p> <p>Mr. Cyr welcomed the DEC members to Sugarloaf Senior High School. He indicated that Sugarloaf is a Grade 9-12 school that was built in 1977. There are approximately 420 students, 45% of whom are First Nations students. There are 32 teachers at the school. Sugarloaf Senior High School covers the area from McLeods to Upsalquitch Hill. Campbellton Middle School and Alaqsitew Gitpu School in Listiguj, Quebec are feeder schools. Students often transfer from the Upsalquitch and Escuminac areas as well. The school has an alternative site which has approximately 35 students attending each year. He noted that there have been additional FTE's in Methods & Resource and increased Education Assistant support at Sugarloaf Senior High School this year. Mr. Cyr offers P.D.support to his staff members by making the necessary funding available to them.</p> <p>Mr. Cyr reviewed some of the programs available at his school such as Boomerang, guidance interventions, and credit recovery for Grade 9 Math and English students. He also noted that the school focuses on collaboration, especially when working on student interventions and when working on the staff professional growth plan.</p>

	<p>Mr. Cyr noted that there are some unique curriculum needs and challenges among the students in his school. He noted that Post-Intensive French is often a challenge as feeder schools do not offer this program. Mr. Cyr also indicated that student attendance is a concern and outlined some of the measures that are being taken to improve this situation. The DEC members commended Mr. Cyr on the work that he and his staff are doing in opening up the lines of communication with the parents of these students. The members also congratulated Mr. Cyr on the improvement of the graduation rate among First Nations students, noting that it has increased from 5% to the current rate of 85%.</p> <p>At Sugarloaf Senior High School, Mr. Cyr believes that “you get respect when you give respect”. He is very proud of the cleanliness of the school and the fact that staff members are always appropriately dressed. He also noted that there has been no vandalism to the school during the past two years. Mr. Cyr and his staff are proud of the respect that they receive from the students.</p> <p>The school has a Broad-Based Technology lab and a multi-media lab. These are possible as a result of additional technology support that is funded by the First Nations community. There is an audio-visual room, radio station, and a recording studio in the school as well. The graduation class composite is displayed digitally on a 55” screen. Mr. Cyr noted that the school has strong funding partners and strong community support. When there is a need, the community is always willing to help.</p> <p>The DEC members were invited to visit Sugarloaf Senior High School at any time. Mr. Cyr expressed his appreciation for the support his school receives from district personnel, and he attributed a big part of the school’s success to these people. Mr. Mortlock thanked Mr. Cyr for his presentation and for hosting the DEC meeting. As a token of the DEC’s appreciation, a book was presented to Mr. Cyr for his school’s library.</p>
<p>D.</p>	<p>Presentation: Darren Oakes – Anti-Bullying Website</p> <p>Darren Oakes, the Guidance/Positive Learning Environment Coordinator for Anglophone North School District, presented the new anti-bullying website that was released in November, 2012. He reviewed the website, which can be accessed at www.intimidationrestigouche.com. He indicated that this project took nine months to complete. After its completion, it was sent to experts at Queens University for their approval and it was later returned with their full support. The production of this website cost \$12,000, with only \$1,000 being incurred by Anglophone North School District. The remainder was covered by other partners and agencies, such as the R.C.M.P. Foundation, Department of Social Development, Campbellton and Dalhousie Rotary Clubs, Club Richilieu, and the Francophone North-East School District.</p> <p>Mr. Oakes indicated that the committee wanted the website to be as user friendly as possible, and to be compatible to iphones and ipads in order for students to have quick and easy access. This website is designed to allow</p>

	<p>students to discreetly report bullying. He indicated that the website has categories for youth, teens, parents, and educators. It also contains a video, a checklist, and games to play with messages behind the games. There is also a “Get Help Now” function on the home page. Mr. Oakes played the video that was written by students and produced at Sugarloaf Senior High School. He also explained the reporting mechanism that is in place for the schools in the northern part of the province and indicated that this will be extended to all of the schools within the district during the summer. There have already been 5,000 hits on the English side of the website.</p> <p>During a discussion period that followed, Mr. Oakes noted that information about the website has been sent home to parents and that Rogers TV has also featured this website. Bruce Van Stone, the Learning Specialist for Bullying Awareness and Prevention, is interested in seeing that this website is used province-wide. Mr. Oakes noted that Mr. Van Stone will also be the guest speaker at the Parent School Support Committee Recognition Dinner on May 8, at which time he will be updating members on anti-bullying initiatives at the provincial level.</p>
E.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Joe Petersen that the minutes of the March 18, 2013 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
F.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>(a) DEC Member for Sub-District 6</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock advised that he received the name of a candidate who is interested in being considered for the vacant seat in Sub-District 6. IT WAS MOVED BY Raymond Murphy and seconded by Mike Coster that Mr. Mortlock submit this candidate’s name to Minister Carr for his consideration, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the local MLA’s. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>It was also noted that work is progressing in obtaining nominations for the First Nations’ representative for the District Education Council. As soon as Mr. Mortlock receives this information, he will advise DEC members.</p> <p>(b) Spring Symposium</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock extended an invitation to PSSC members to attend the Spring Symposium in Fredericton on May 24-26. The DEC will give ten members the opportunity to attend the symposium. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will cover the expenses of four PSSC members and the Anglophone North School District Education Council will cover the cost of the other six. If more than ten registrations are received, a lottery draw will be held. Mr. Mortlock reminded DEC members to submit their registration forms as soon as possible. The agenda will be forwarded to them as soon as it is available.</p>

<p>G.</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>(a) Policy Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) GP 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 – Meeting Review Form (ii) C/SR 1,2,3,4,5 – Meeting Review Form (iii) EL 1,7 – Meeting Review Form (iv) E5, E9, GP4 - In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>(b) New Educational Hirings</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
<p>H.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Correspondence items were circulated to Council members for their review.</p>
<p>I.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) PSSC Appreciation Dinner</p> <p>Ms. Boucher advised DEC members that invitations were mailed to 300 PSSC members across the district for the PSSC Recognition Dinner on May 8 at the Gowan Brae Golf & Country Club. The guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. Bruce Van Stone, Learning Specialist for Bullying Awareness and Prevention. Mr. Mortlock indicated that this event will provide an opportunity for all Anglophone North PSSC members to come together as one group. Appreciation certificates and pins will be presented during the evening. Mr. Mortlock requested DEC members to contact the PSSC chairpersons in each of their sub-districts and encourage their members to attend. PSSC members have been requested to car-pool to this event.</p> <p>(b) DEC Retreat</p> <p>Ms. Boucher and Mr. Mortlock have tentatively scheduled a DEC Retreat for August 9 and 10 in Moncton. The purpose of this retreat is to make final adjustments to the district's policies and regulations before the new school year begins in September. Final details will be forwarded to the DEC members.</p> <p>(c) Miramichi Simulcast Opportunity</p> <p>Ms. Boucher announced that Mr. Colin Holmes is organizing a Leadercast event on May 10 at the Miramichi Golf and Country Club. This event will be broadcast from Atlanta, Georgia to sites across the globe including Maritime regions. There are several special guest speakers including Jack Welch, John Maxwell, and Condoleeza Rice. The district has purchased enough seats for ten principals. Ms. Boucher extended an invitation to DEC members to attend, and asked for interested members to contact her as soon as possible.</p>

J.**CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Mortlock advised that pursuant to Policy 409, Section 6.3., a naming committee must be initiated by the district for the naming of the new school that is being constructed in Tabusintac. There was consensus among the members that Mike Coster be named to the committee as the DEC representative. Mr. Mortlock indicated that he has received one submission for a school name and he will be forwarding it to the committee. Minister Carr will make a public announcement of the new name after he reviews the recommendations presented to him by the DEC.

Mr. Mortlock will be attending a conference with the Acting Deputy Minister and the Council of DEC Chairs on April 29. He has requested that an item relating to the DEC members' laptops be added to this meeting's agenda. He would like the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to give administrative rights to district technicians in order for them to be able to service these laptops. Mr. Mortlock noted some of the problems that DEC members are encountering when trying to access the district and school websites.

Mr. Mortlock hopes that the Department will be able to release the budgets in May in order for staffing to be completed before the summer. He will inform DEC members as soon as he receives notification about a forthcoming announcement by the Minister in this regard.

Mr. Mortlock encouraged all DEC members to attend the Spring Symposium scheduled for May 24-26 in Fredericton.

On May 21, Mr. Mortlock and Ms. Boucher will be attending the first meeting of the Governance Committee.

Mr. Mortlock reported on the Policy 409 process currently underway in Miramichi West and indicated that it is progressing favorably. At the next consultation meeting at Miramichi Valley High School on May 7, members from the Miramichi East Policy 409 committee will be in attendance to add some guidance to the parents of Miramichi West. Mr. Flanagan also offered his help in this regard. Mr. Mortlock noted that he was very impressed with the first public meeting held on April 9 and noted some of the stakeholders who were present. He commended the parents, Mr. Coster and Ms. Boucher for the work that is being done with this process. He noted that the survey, which was prepared to order to obtain feedback from the public, went live on the district and school websites on Friday, April 12.

Mr. Mortlock has prepared a list of DEC meeting dates and locations for the 2013-2014 year and will be forwarding it to the members in the near future.

<p>K.</p>	<p>SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS</p> <p>Ms. Boucher reported that five nominations for Outstanding Volunteers were received – Eileen Bowes, Melanie Lowery, Pauline Nelson, Chris Fanjoy, and MaryLynn Jardine. IT WAS MOVED BY Raymond Murphy and seconded by Mike Coster that Certificates of Appreciation be prepared and forwarded to each of these volunteers. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Ms. Boucher indicated that preparations are underway for the Turn-Around Achievement Awards. These awards recognize students who have made significant improvement in their lives. She noted that because of funding partnerships in each of the areas, the awards will be held at separate locations as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Campbellton – May 7 – Campbellton Civic Center Miramichi – May 27 – Rodd Miramichi Bathurst – May 29 – Danny’s Inn</p> <p>DEC members were asked to notify Ms. Boucher if they are able to attend these awards.</p> <p>Ms. Boucher noted that the dates for the second and third public consultation meetings for the Policy 409 process in Miramichi West are May 7 and May 28, respectively.</p>
<p>L.</p>	<p>DEC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Murphy was pleased to announce that a former student from the Harcourt School received a \$40,000 renewable scholarship from UNB. He felt that this is a good news story for such a very small school. It was also noted that a former Bathurst High School graduate received a Lord Beaverbrook Scholarship.</p> <p>Since the district is planning a PSSC Recognition Dinner on May 8 for all members in the district, Mrs. Rogers will postpone her PSSC cluster meeting scheduled for April 23. She was requested to advise her PSSC members and encourage them to attend the event on May 8.</p> <p>Mrs. Rogers announced that Taylor Godin, a student at Superior Middle School, won the Grand Award held at the provincial science fair at UNB. She will be representing Anglophone North School District at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Lethbridge, Alberta. Also joining Taylor will be Dimalka Ranasinghe, a James M. Hill Memorial High School student, who won the over-all Grand Prize at the fair.</p> <p>A Regional Heritage Fair will be held at Superior Middle School on April 24.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock indicated that he would like schools to continue using their websites to advertise their accomplishments.</p>

	Mrs. Rogers complimented the district on the success of the CUTE Awards that were held on March 21 at James M. Hill.
M.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next District Education Council meeting will be held on May 27, 2013 at Terry Fox Elementary School. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Raymond Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Dunnett
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent