

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
August 18, 2014
Office of the Superintendent**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Mike Coster, Vice-Chair
Ron Ecker
Raymond Murphy
Joe Petersen
Sheila Rogers
Beth Stymiest, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Andy Flanagan
Nancy McBain

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 6:45 p.m. at the Office of the Superintendent.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Raymond Murphy that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Ron Ecker that the minutes of the June 16, 2014 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
D.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock informed Council members that as a result of a surplus in Anglophone North School District's 2013-2014 budget, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will be returning \$100,000 to the district's operating budget.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock and Mr. Flanagan recently met with the <i>Building a Future for Our Children Committee</i>, as well as with the Parent School Support Committee chairs and vice-chairs, for the purpose of working on resolutions for Miramichi East. Mr. Mortlock indicated that Mrs. Stymiest also had consultations with the principals, PSSC chairs and the <i>Building a Future for Our Children Committee</i> in this regard.</p>

	<p>Mr. Mortlock reported that repairs at Ian Baillie Primary School are slightly behind schedule.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest noted that the number of requests for out-of-zone placements is on par with other years.</p> <p>Council members received a list of Contract “D” teachers who have been hired for 2014-2015. Mrs. Stymiest explained that these teachers were on a replacement list and have been hired based on seniority.</p>
E.	<p>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>(a) 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-1, E-8, EL-3, EL-4, EL-9, EL-10, EL-13 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes (v) Quarterly Financial Report <p>(b) New Educational Hirings</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Raymond Murphy and seconded by Joe Petersen that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
F.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>All correspondence items were forwarded to Council members for their review prior to the meeting.</p>
G.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no new business discussed at the meeting.</p>
H.	<p>CHAIR’S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported that he has recently attended meetings with the Deputy Minister, the Assistant Deputy Minister and the Council of DEC Chairs.</p>
I.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest presented each Council member with a copy of her first “Annual Report to the District Education Council”, which she prepared in accordance with Policy EL-13. With the use of a PowerPoint presentation, she highlighted some of the information that was contained in her report. She noted that since the amalgamation of the school districts two years ago, stakeholders were brought together from the former Districts 15 and 16 to restructure policies and procedures which are both fiscally responsible and meet the needs of the students, and which also ensure effective and efficient use of time.</p>

	<p>Mrs. Stymiest noted that the student population for the Anglophone North School District has declined during the past two years, and that there has been a decrease of 16.3% in students since 2008. The district continues to build a strong International Student Program and has hosted 141 students from various countries around the world. As well, the district works closely with nine First Nations communities and provides support to the five band-operated schools.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest reviewed student achievement and assessment results. Overall, the district is pleased with the results; however, it continually analyzes the results to identify areas where improvements can be made. She noted the support of the Education Support Services Team to classroom teachers and the many professional learning opportunities that are available to them. The integration of Early Childhood into Education makes it possible to detect deficiencies in student learning at an earlier age. The principal is key to the success in schools, and Mrs. Stymiest explained how the district continually works with principals to further develop their leadership skills.</p> <p>Each of the Ends policies was reviewed with Council members. Mrs. Stymiest also explained that the district will continue to focus on literacy, numeracy, and science, and will ensure a classroom environment that is inclusive and safe. She noted that the goal of the district to prepare every student for life beyond high school and to ensure that these students graduate with the skills they need to compete in a global economy. Mrs. Stymiest concluded her presentation by thanking the District Education Council members for their support.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Mike Coster and seconded by Raymond Murphy that the Superintendent's Annual Report to the District Education Council be approved with pleasure and appreciation. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>In concluding her comments, Mrs. Stymiest reported that Lois Dobson-Bujold, of Jacquet River School, recently received a Starfish Award.</p>
J.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Murphy indicated that the Rexton Health Care Foundation recently held a golf tournament. He acknowledged the Rexton-area students who volunteered their time during the tournament in renting golf carts to the participants, preparing and serving the dinner, and providing any help that was needed. He also commended the efforts of Julie Hudson, a teacher at Bonar Law Memorial High School, who supervised the students during the tournament.</p> <p>Mrs. Rogers reported that she attended the Bathurst High School graduation ceremony in June, and that she also participated in the interviews for the Principal at Superior Middle School. She will be attending the next District Health Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for September.</p>

	<p>Mrs. Rogers highlighted some of the information she received from Superior Middle School in June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The girls' teams won all district championships in soccer, basketball and volleyball, and the boys' teams won district championships in soccer and volleyball. • There was a 94% attendance rate for the year at Superior Middle School. • 22 students participated in the French and English district Oratorical Competitions. • 21 students attended provincials in the Science Fair, Heritage Fair, Oratorical and Math Competitions. • 175 plaques were presented to students in recognition of their marks, school participation and behavior. There were 13 platinum plaques presented to students who actively participated in many events at the school, district and provincial levels. <p>Council members acknowledged Ms. Kathy Grebenc who received the Vince Sunderland Memorial Award prior to her retiring as Principal of Superior Middle School in June. This award recognizes outstanding educational leadership.</p> <p>Mr. Coster requested that a letter be forwarded to the entire staff of Anglophone North School District expressing support and appreciation for their tremendous efforts during the two years since amalgamation. Mr. Mortlock agreed to draft the letter and send it out, via email, on behalf of the District Education Council.</p>
K.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the next District Education Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, 2014, at Dalhousie Middle School.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:30 on a motion by Mike Coster.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Dunnett
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent