

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
January 19, 2015
Ian Baillie Primary School**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Mike Coster, Vice-Chair
Nancy McBain
Joe Petersen
Sheila Rogers
Beth Stymiest, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Ron Ecker
Andy Flanagan
Raymond Murphy

	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 Ian Baillie Primary School.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Nancy McBain and seconded by Joe Petersen that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>Presentation: Beth McCarthy, Principal, Ian Baillie Primary School</p> <p>Mrs. Beth McCarthy, along with her staff and students, prepared a video for the District Education Council members to help illustrate the spirit and atmosphere at Ian Baillie Primary School. The video portrayed very dedicated teaching and support staff members, who are always willing to share resources and provide opportunities for co-teaching. Students explained their participation in morning announcements, sports programs, guitar club, and several other activities. Students are recognized for their achievements at monthly assemblies, and a student is selected each year for the Turnaround Award. Parents are also very active in fall fairs, dances and year-end events.</p> <p>Ian Baillie Primary School is currently a K-3 school with 90 students in attendance. Mrs. McCarthy was pleased to report that starting in September, 2015, the grade configuration at Ian Baillie will change and it will then become a K-4 school.</p>

	<p>Mr. Mortlock thanked Mrs. McCarthy for her presentation, and he presented her 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 Sheila Rogers and seconded by Mike Coster that the minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest reported that the topic of “energy drinks” was discussed at a recent District Health Advisory Committee meeting. Ms. Louise Collette-Bois, Dietician, and Ms. Sandra Pitre, Healthy Learners’ Nurse, are working on educational programs about energy drinks.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reminded Council members to forward their Superintendent Evaluation Forms to Mr. Raymond Murphy before January 31, 2015.</p>
F.	<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-2 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>(b) New Educational Hirings</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>There were no correspondence items.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Naming of Bathurst High School Gymnasium</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock presented a request from Bathurst Mayor Stephen Brunet and several committee members to rename the Bathurst High School gymnasium after Lorne Whalen, a long-serving teacher and coach at that school. Mr. Mortlock outlined Mr. Whalen’s extensive teaching and coaching career. If granted, the committee is willing to incur any costs associated with unveiling the new name. IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the gymnasium at Bathurst High School be renamed as the “Lorne Whalen Gymnasium”. MOTION CARRIED.</p>

I.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government is working on the budgets for the next fiscal year. • The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will be forming a committee to work on a ten-year education plan. • The Spring Symposium will be held at the Hotel Beausejour in Moncton on May 29-31, 2015. • Mr. Tim Dunn, Director of Finance and Administration, will be presenting the Financial Report at the March DEC meeting, as he is not able to attend the February meeting.
J.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest reported that one nomination was received for "Outstanding Volunteers" – Flora Moffat. IT WAS MOVED BY Nancy McBain and seconded by Joe Petersen that a Certificate of Appreciation be prepared and forwarded to Ms. Moffat. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>The names of the Starfish Award recipients were presented – Lynn Orser, Angela Howe, Bill McGinn, Kevin Scully, Richard Gallacher, David Gopee and Debb McDonnell.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest informed Council members about a Facebook incident that recently involved the impersonation and defamation of a school principal. She indicated that the district moved quickly in its investigation. The district contacted the parents of the students who were named on the site, and it provided support to the principal who was affected by this incident. The incident was also reported to the RCMP, which is conducting its own investigation. The Facebook page has since been removed. Mrs. Stymiest stressed the need for a protocol to be followed when Facebook issues arise, and she suggested honing in on the procedures that were followed in this incident. She also noted that I.T. staff members have planned educational sessions for students.</p> <p>In an effort to maintain up-to-date I.T. equipment within the district, Mr. Tim Dunn, Director of Finance and Administration, met with the Subject Coordinator for Technology, as well as I.T. staff, to determine technological needs.</p> <p>Lori Wall and Cathy Martin, from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, recently gave a presentation to district and EEST staff on "Inclusion".</p>

	<p>During the District Health Advisory Committee meeting held on January 14, 2015, Michelina Mancuso, of the New Brunswick Health Council, gave an excellent and a very informative presentation on <i>Understanding Protective Factors: Adapting a “Whole Child” Approach to Children and Youth</i>. Mrs. Stymiest will look into the possibility of having Ms. Mancuso make a presentation at the February District Education Council meeting.</p> <p>The members of the Senior Admin Team continue to work hard in developing their leadership skills. The members of this team are currently taking a shared approach to offering professional development opportunities within their sessions. Mrs. Stymiest recently presented a session based on the book, “Start With Why”. Mr. Craig Caldwell, Director of Schools, will be presenting at the next Senior Admin Team meeting.</p> <p>The first planning meeting for the new school construction in Miramichi East is scheduled to be held on February 3, 2015.</p> <p>The CUTE Awards will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at James M. Hill Memorial High School.</p>
K.	<p>DEC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported that the Student Council at Sugarloaf Senior High School has planned a Wellness Day on February 28. Students will be travelling to Sugarloaf Park for the day.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock announced that Nancy McBain, First Nations Representative, will now also become the District Education Council representative for L. E. Reinsborough School. This was one of the schools previously represented by Mr. Joe Petersen. Mr. Petersen will continue to represent Dalhousie Middle School, Dalhousie Regional High School and Jacquet River School.</p> <p>Ms. McBain indicated that she has started visiting the First Nations communities and the district schools which have First Nations students in attendance. Mr. Mortlock noted that the district has very active First Nations participation on the Parent School Support Committees. He was encouraged to see Ms. McBain taking the opportunity to familiarize herself in these communities and schools. Ms. McBain suggested that the District Education Council may possibly be invited to a First Nations school at some point.</p> <p>Mrs. Rogers reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She and Mrs. Stymiest gave an update on energy drinks at the District Health Advisory Committee meeting. At this meeting, Mrs. Vivian Kierstead, Principal of Dr. Losier Middle School, also shared a program at her school that involves each student talking to another student for an allotted five minutes each morning in an effort to improve the students’ sense of belonging.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She will be attending the Provincial Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting in Fredericton on February 4, 2015. • Her PSSC cluster meeting has been re-scheduled for February 19, 2015. Ms. Janet Cooper, Inclusion Facilitator, will be the guest speaker. <p>Mr. Coster indicated that he and Mr. Ecker are in the process of planning a combined cluster meeting at Miramichi Valley High School. A presentation on energy drinks is one of the topics planned for discussion at this meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Coster reported that plans are progressing well and everyone is excited about the new school construction and school renovation in Miramichi West.</p>
L.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The meeting of the next District Education Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 16, 2015, at the Office of the Superintendent.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on a motion by Sheila Rogers.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Dunnett
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent