

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES  
June 17, 2013  
Office of the Superintendent**

Present: Mike Mortlock, Chair  
Andy Flanagan  
Raymond Murphy  
Joe Petersen  
Levi Sock  
Nancy Boucher, Superintendent  
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Mike Coster  
Sheila Rogers

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
<b>A.</b>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p>Mr. Mortlock called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. at the Office of the Superintendent.</p>
<b>B.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Joe Petersen and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the agenda be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>C.</b>	<p><b>PRESENTATION: Policy 409 Committee – Miramichi West</b></p> <p>Mr. John Schenkels is the PSSC Chairperson for Harkins Middle School and is a member of the Policy 409 Committee for Miramichi West. He introduced Patty Lafitte, Jennifer Doucet, and Paula Septon, who are also members of the committee. Mr. Schenkels indicated that the Policy 409 process began in February, 2013 for the purpose of reviewing school structures. He noted that although the process was completed in 2012, a decision was made to have it redone in order to receive more input from the community.</p> <p>Mr. Schenkels reviewed his PowerPoint presentation with council members. He indicated that the Policy 409 Committee was comprised of PSSC members from Harkins Elementary School, Croft Elementary School, Gretna Green Elementary School, Harkins Middle School, and Miramichi Valley High School. He felt that overall there was a good representation of people involved in the process. He outlined the factors that were considered in the infrastructure review - aging infrastructure in Miramichi West, the need for responsible spending, the ability to meet the needs of today's students, and the fact that enrolments have declined.</p>

	<p>Mr. Schenkels reviewed the capital improvement projects for Harkins Elementary, Harkins Middle, Croft Elementary, and Gretna Green Elementary. He noted that since 2000, a great deal of funding has been allocated to maintain these aging buildings. He also described the various means by which community members were able to get involved in the consultation process. There were three public consultation meetings, as well an on-line survey which generated over 500 responses. Presentations were made to community groups, city council, and MLA's. On-going media attention also drew attention to this process.</p> <p>The consultation outcomes were reviewed and the vision of new school infrastructure was presented. Mr. Schenkels stated that as a result of the consultation process, the following recommendation is being made:</p> <p><i>A new K- 8 school in Miramichi West to replace Croft Elementary, Harkins Elementary and Harkins Middle School and the renovation of Gretna Green Elementary to become a K-8 school.</i></p> <p>A short discussion followed relating to the many opportunities that could be available to students as a result of this new infrastructure. The schools could offer skilled trades, larger gyms, greater accessibility, and more involvement with the community. With the integration of Early Childhood Development services into the education system, the new schools could also provide services to children from birth to Grade 12. Mr. Schenkels noted that the heritage of the Harkins buildings could be preserved by incorporating items into the new school.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock thanked and congratulated Mr. Schenkels and his committee for the excellent work that they have done during this process. He noted that Mr. Coster, who could not attend the DEC meeting, fully supports this project. He advised Mr. Schenkels and his committee that the DEC will make a decision at the August meeting as to whether their recommendation will be approved and placed on the Capital Project List. He noted that the Miramichi East project is currently the Number One priority on the Capital Project List. If the Miramichi West project is supported by council, it will follow Miramichi East on the list. Mr. Mortlock will inform the committee about the DEC's decision.</p>
<b>D.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Andy Flanagan and seconded by Joe Petersen that the minutes of the May 27, 2013 meeting be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>E.</b>	<p><b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>(a) School Naming Committee's Recommendations</b></p> <p>Ms. Boucher indicated that the deadline for forwarding the "Naming Your School" submissions for the new school in Tabusintac was May 31. A Naming Committee was struck with the following representation:</p>

	<p>-Mike Coster, District Education Council Member          -Charlotte Casey, Senior Education Officer, ASD-N          -Jody Holmes, Community Member          -Barb Hillman, Education and Early Childhood Development</p> <p>The Naming Committee met on June 7, 2013 and developed a list of three prioritized names from the submissions that were received. <b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Raymond Murphy and seconded by Joe Petersen that this list be forwarded to Minister Carr for his final decision on the name of the new school being built in Tabusintac. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p> <p><b>(b) DEC Retreat</b></p> <p>Stacey Brown, Provincial DEC Manager, has been invited to attend the DEC Retreat in Moncton on August 9-10, 2013 as a facilitator for the policy review process. <b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Joe Petersen and seconded by Levi Sock that the necessary arrangements be made to plan for this retreat. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> An agenda will be drafted and emailed to the DEC members. Family members are also invited to attend the retreat.</p>
F.	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</b></p> <p><b>(a) Policy Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) GP 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 – Meeting Review Form</li> <li>(ii) C/SR 1,2,3,4,5 – Meeting Review Form</li> <li>(iii) EL 1,7 – Meeting Review Form</li> <li>(iv) E4, E4a, E8, E10, C/SR2, C/SR3, EL3, EL4, EL11, EL12 - In Compliance - See Attached Briefing Notes</li> </ul> <p><b>(b) New Educational Hirings</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Raymond Murphy and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
G.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>Correspondence items were circulated to council members for their review. Ms. Boucher indicated that further to Minister Carr’s letter of May 29, 2013 appointing Kimberly Bauer to the Tabusintac Naming Committee, Ms. Bauer had been replaced by Barb Hillman due to an illness in Ms. Bauer’s family.</p>
H.	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There was no new business.</p>
I.	<p><b>CHAIR’S COMMENTS</b></p> <p>Mr. Mortlock indicated that the District Education Council is required to complete an evaluation of the Superintendent on an annual basis. The evaluation will be based on policies currently in place. The evaluation form will be forwarded to Joe Petersen who will be responsible for correlating the information.</p>

<p><b>J.</b></p>	<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</b></p> <p>Ms. Boucher distributed a list containing the dates of the high school graduation ceremonies, as well as the names of DEC members and District Office staff who will be attending each of them. All members confirmed their attendance at these ceremonies.</p> <p>Ms. Boucher reported that six nominations for Outstanding Volunteers were received – Ted Kelly, David Smith, Sarah Mott-Russell, Tracy and Luc Couturier and Natalie Nowlan. <b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Joe Petersen and seconded by Levi Sock that Certificates of Appreciation be prepared and forwarded to each of these volunteers. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<p><b>K.</b></p>	<p><b>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</b></p> <p>Mr. Murphy indicated that at the recent Retiring Teachers' Banquet in Rexton, two former teachers – Anne Robichaud and Connie Barter – received the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. This award was spearheaded by Governor General Romeo LeBlanc to recognize the unsung heroes who volunteer their time to help others. This award is presented by a recipient of the Order of Canada, and this year it was presented by Sister Aurea Cormier, a former professor of the University of Moncton. The DEC will send a letter of congratulations to Ms. Robichaud and Ms. Barter.</p> <p>Mr. Murphy also reported that a Volunteer Appreciation Day was held at Rexton Elementary School recently to recognize 50 volunteers. Among those who were recognized were custodial staff and bus drivers who have gone above and beyond their regular work. A number of volunteers were also recognized for their work with the Breakfast Program. Mr. Murphy noted that many of these people do not even have children in the system.</p>
<p><b>L.</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Mr. Mortlock wished everyone a happy summer and reminded them of the DEC Retreat on August 9-10.</p> <p>The next District Education Council meeting will be held on August 19, 2013 at the Office of the Superintendent.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. on a motion by Raymond Murphy.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Dunnett  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent