

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
March 16, 2015
Office of the Superintendent**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Mike Coster, Vice-Chair
Ron Ecker
Andy Flanagan
Nancy McBain
Raymond Murphy
Joe Petersen
Beth Stymiest, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Sheila Rogers

| | AGENDA ITEMS |
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| A. | <p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:30 p.m. The location of the meeting was changed to the Office of the Superintendent as schools were closed for the day due to inclement weather.</p> |
| B. | <p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock informed Council members that Item C, "Presentation – Kevin Scully, Principal, Harcourt School", and Item D, "Presentation – Michelina Mancuso, New Brunswick Health Council", will be deleted from the agenda.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Raymond Murphy and seconded by Mike Coster that the agenda be approved with the above modifications. MOTION CARRIED.</p> |
| C. | <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Ron Ecker that the minutes of the February 20, 2015 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p> |
| D. | <p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>(a) Sustainability Study</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest reported on the March 9, 2015 public meeting for the Sustainability Study of Dalhousie Middle School and Dalhousie Regional High School. She noted that approximately 40 people were in attendance, including parents and staff. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at</p> |

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| | <p>10:30 a.m. at Dalhousie Regional High School. Parents were asked to notify Mrs. Stymiest by April 7, 2015 if they wish to make a presentation at that meeting. Mr. Mortlock reminded Council members to attend that meeting as a majority representation of the District Education Council is required.</p> <p>(b) Storm Days</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest noted that the topic of storm days will be discussed with principals at the Administrators' Meeting on March 17, 2015. A Council member noted a comment he received that parents would rather have their children remain safe at home on days when there are unfavorable weather conditions.</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-6, GP-8, EL-2 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>(b) New Educational Hirings</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Raymond Murphy and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p> |
| F. | <p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock forwarded all correspondence items to Council members for their review prior to the meeting.</p> |
| G. | <p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Approval of Educational Specifications for Miramichi East School</p> <p>Mr. Flanagan reported on the progress of the Planning Committee for the new Miramichi East School. The Educational Specifications have been completed by the Planning Committee and were forwarded to the District Education Council members for their review prior to this meeting. He noted that some members of the Planning Committee are still advocating for community partnerships for the new school, particularly for the theatre and soccer field.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Mike Coster that the Educational Specifications for the new Miramichi East School be approved. MOTION CARRIED. A letter will be sent to Hon. Serge Rousselle advising him of this approval.</p> |

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| | <p>(b) Review of Subdistrict Boundaries</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock indicated that a letter was received from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development concerning a review of subdistrict boundaries. This review is being conducted in preparation for the 2016 District Education Council elections. Council members reviewed and discussed the subdistrict boundaries in Anglophone North School District.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Mike Coster and seconded by Raymond Murphy that a letter be forwarded to Hon. Serge Rousselle indicating that the District Education Council is satisfied with the subdistrict boundaries that are currently in place in Anglophone North School District. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>(c) Superintendent's Evaluation</p> <p>Mr. Murphy reported that as Chairman of the Superintendent's Evaluation Committee, and based on the evaluations that were completed by the District Education Council members, he determined that the Superintendent has met or exceeded the expectations of the District Education Council. He noted that Council members recognized the excellent rapport that the Superintendent has with staff, the community and the media.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Raymond Murphy and seconded by Mike Coster that the Superintendent receive a two-step salary increase, effective July 1, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Council members congratulated Mrs. Stymiest on her excellent work as Superintendent. A letter will be forwarded to Mrs. Anne Heckbert, Director of Human Resources, advising her of this motion.</p> |
| H. | <p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March has been a busy month planning for the Sustainability Study for Dalhousie Middle School/Dalhousie Regional High School, and attending the Minister's Forum. • The provincial budget will be announced in the Legislature on March 31. Mr. Mortlock expects that the district will receive its budget shortly after that date. • The Parent School Support Committee members will be reminded of the District Education Council Spring Symposium that will be held in Moncton on May 29-31, 2015. Mr. Mortlock noted that the agenda will include sessions on understanding the role of the District Education Council. He is hopeful that new names, including those of PSSC members, will be put forward as potential District Education Council candidates during the next election. |

I.**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Mrs. Stymiest commented on the following:

- There were no nominations for “Outstanding Volunteers” for the month of March.
- She presented the names of the Starfish Award recipients: Cathy Betteridge, Brynn Cochrane and Bill MacDonald of Sugarloaf Senior High School, and Amanda (Simpson) MacEachern of Tabusintac Community School.
- The CUTE Awards will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at James M. Hill Memorial High School. Admission is free and doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for the public to view the students’ projects. The awards ceremony will start at 7:00 p.m.
- The members of the Planning Committee for the new Miramichi East School are very engaged in this project and are working hard to make it a great school for the students and the community. The committee is attempting to secure funding for bleachers in the gymnasium.
- Mrs. Stymiest reported that there was a recent request through the Right to Information and Privacy Protection Act for bullying statistics across the province. She noted that there was an increase in recorded bullying incidents in Anglophone North School District from 2007-2008 to 2013-2014. However, Mrs. Stymiest saw this as being positive as she believes students feel more comfortable in reporting bullying incidents than they did in previous years. Mrs. Stymiest has also received several requests from the media about projects and strategies that the district has in place to support anti-bullying. She noted the Pink Shirt Day on February 25, the “Beyond the Hurt” training in the schools and other proactive measures that are being taken in schools to address bullying.
- She participated in the “Big Crunch” at Ian Baillie Primary School on March 12. She posted a write-up on the district website about this activity and about the Pink Shirt Day.
- Mrs. Stymiest displayed a poster that was printed for the district to remind staff about RTIPPA (Right to Information and Privacy Protection Act). Multiple copies of this poster will be distributed to schools for posting in staff rooms and other areas in the schools. She noted that Craig Caldwell, RTIPPA Coordinator, is responsible for RTIPPA requests and dealing with breaches of privacy. Council members suggested the possibility of inviting Mr. Caldwell to a District Education Council meeting to give a presentation on RTIPPA.
- Mrs. Stymiest reminded members that she will be on vacation from March 19-27.

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DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Murphy stated that one of the topics that will be discussed at the PSSC Cluster Meeting on March 25, 2015 is the need for support services, in the area of health, for students in the Rexton area. He noted that there are a lot of services available in Miramichi that are not available in Rexton. The principals of Rexton Elementary School and Bonar Law Memorial High School have been invited to share some of the issues they face concerning students. Mr. Murphy also mentioned that there is a student who is a member of the Rexton Health Advisory Committee, and this student often raises issues from a student's perspective.

Mr. Coster and Mr. Ecker are planning a combined Cluster Meeting on April 9, 2015. Arrangements have been made for Mr. Derek Hutchison, Supervisor of Data and Accountability/International Students, to be one of the guest speakers at this meeting. Further details are currently being finalized.

Due to Mrs. Rogers' absence from this meeting, she submitted a written report for the members. Highlights from her report include the following:

- Terry Fox Elementary School
 - The Grade 5 French Immersion class created a museum with information and artistic representations of historical figures.
 - As part of a French Cultural experience, a magician will visit the school.
 - One "Student of the Month" is selected from each class to exemplify the "Hero" Code of Conduct. These students are rewarded with a lunch from Subway and access passes to the new computer lab.
 - The Principal's Advisory Committee is holding a competition to design a school website.
- Bathurst High School
 - There are student finalists in the CUTE Awards in the categories of Digital Audio, Digital Photography, Digital Video, Video Documentation, and Teacher Websites.
 - BHS teachers won an NBTA Wellness Award for a video in the category of "Most Unique".
 - Two BHS students attended the Canada Winter Games in British Columbia – one in Hockey and one in Special Olympics Figure Skating.
 - The school is preparing for the "Mary Poppins" musical in April.
- Superior Middle School
 - This school is hosting the Regional STEM Fair on April 11, 2015 and the district "Speak Out" (Oratory and Spoken Word Poetry Competition) on April 24, 2015.
 - Several students will be participating in the UNB Mathematics Competition in May.
 - The school is forming a school choir for the first time.

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| K. | DATE OF NEXT MEETING The meeting of the next District Education Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015, at Dalhousie Regional High School. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on a motion by Raymond Murphy. |
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Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Dunnett
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent