

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
November 18, 2013
L. E. Reinsborough School**

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

Regrets: Raymond Murphy

	AGENDA ITEM
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. at L. E. Reinsborough School.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock requested members to add two items under “New Business”: (a) Surplus Property, and (b) Christmas Trays for Schools. IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION: Guy Arseneault, Principal, L. E. Reinsborough School</p> <p>Mr. Arseneault was joined by Kathy Lawlor, Reg Cyr, Tiffanie LaBillois and Karen Adams in welcoming the District Education Council members to L. E. Reinsborough School. Mr. Arseneault commenced his presentation by indicating that his school includes Grades K-5, and it has both English prime and French Immersion classes. There are currently two classes at each grade level, with the exception of Grade 1, and there is a total enrolment of 157 students. He also outlined the number of teaching and non-teaching staff in his school.</p> <p>Mr. Arseneault reported on activities currently underway to promote Anti-Bullying Week, including a poster contest and an “anti-bullying” quilt that will be made out of paper and displayed in the school. He continues to be proud of community partners, such as the Lions Club, Dalhousie Air Cadets, and a new</p>

	<p>group from the community that is teaching staff and students to play “pickle ball”. Mr. Arseneault also indicated that his school has a very strong First Nations population and it also enjoys a strong partnership with the Mi’kmaq community.</p> <p>One of the priorities at L. E. Reinsborough School is to provide inclusive education to the students. Mr. Arseneault noted that his school has received a certificate from the Canadian Association for Community Living in recognition of the staff’s contribution to inclusive education.</p> <p>Mr. Arseneault reported that L. E. Reinsborough had a school review conducted during the previous school year, and that the results were very good. As a result of a recommendation from the review, work is underway in his school to place more emphasis on the pyramid of intervention. Ms. Kathy Lawlor, Vice-Principal, gave a short presentation on the pyramid of intervention. She noted that the school staff uses data that is compiled from behavior slips to identify trends and behaviour issues.</p> <p>Tiffanie LaBillois, First Nation Community School Development Officer, presented a PowerPoint to members explaining the many activities that L. E. Reinsborough School offers to its students. These activities include the Terry Fox Walk, a recycling program, Wakey Wakey News, Wellness Day, First Aid Program, a Legislature Tour, Fish Friends Project, Health Fair, Breakfast Program, Peer Helpers’ Program, noon-hour program, cross country skiing, and skate pass. She also noted that the DOVE program is available to Grade 5 students to help them deal with self-esteem issues. Ms. LaBillois distributed copies of a newsletter that is prepared by Grades 3, 4 and 5 students and is published four times during the school year.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock thanked Mr. Arseneault and his staff for their presentations and presented Mr. Arseneault with a book for the school library as a token of the District Education Council’s appreciation for hosting the meeting.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Ron Ecker and seconded by Joe Petersen that the minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</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-5, EL-4 - In Compliance - See Attached Briefing Notes <p>(b) New Educational Hirings</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Mike Coster that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Correspondence items were circulated to Council members for their review.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Surplus Property</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Ron Ecker and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the former Tabusintac School in Brantville be declared as surplus property with the intention of turning it over to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on March 31, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Ron Ecker and seconded by Joe Petersen that the former District 15 School Board Office be declared as surplus property with the intention of turning it over to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on March 31, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>(b) Christmas Trays for Schools</p> <p>There was a brief discussion about the possibility of providing schools with Christmas trays again this year. IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Ron Ecker that arrangements be made to purchase vegetable trays and to distribute them to every school in Anglophone North School District for Christmas. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
I.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock indicated that he attended the Minister's Excellence in Teaching Awards held in Fredericton on November 16, 2013. Two teachers from Anglophone North School District were among the ten recipients of this award – Barbara Bourque and Melissa Esty. Mr. Mortlock noted that all ten of these recipients are inclusionary teachers.</p>

	<p>Mr. Mortlock announced that all of the PSSC members within the district will be invited to come together as one group for the PSSC Appreciation Night scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at the Gowan Brae Golf & Country Club in Bathurst. He indicated that arrangements will also be made to have a guest speaker for that evening.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock and Mr. Coster will be attending a session with Tony Weber, Director, Facilities and Transportation Branch of EECD, on November 20, 2013, at the Office of the Superintendent. It is expected that Capital Projects will be discussed at this meeting.</p>
<p>J.</p>	<p>SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest reported on the following:</p> <p>Fifteen nominations for Outstanding Volunteers were received – Shawn Gallant, Lew Clevett, Paula Russell, Sheryl Foran, Claudia Bryenton, Kevin Silliker, Crystal Silliker, Bertha Taylor, Kim Matchett, Carla O’Toole, Melissa Sisk, Tosha Williamson, Tabatha Canistro, Vicki Wishart and Diane Gallie. IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Joe Petersen that Certificates of Appreciation be prepared and forwarded to each of these volunteers. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Anglophone North School District has re-introduced the Starfish Awards. These will be awarded to deserving staff members who go above and beyond their regular duties. Information explaining these awards was forwarded to all staff members within the district, and nomination cards have been forwarded to the schools. Mrs. Stymiest announced that the first Starfish Award was presented to Ms. Nancy Boucher, former Superintendent of Anglophone North School District, to recognize her efforts in implementing this award.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest met with the Rexton educational staff to debrief the events of October 17, 2013. She indicated that it was a very good meeting and it also gave her an opportunity to recognize the staff’s excellent efforts on that day. Mrs. Stymiest indicated that she has been in contact with the RCMP officials, and she has requested that they keep her apprised of any further developments.</p> <p>A meeting was held with Mr. Robert Penney, Assistant Deputy Minister of Corporate Affairs, on November 8 in order to review Anglophone North School District’s budget.</p> <p>On November 18, Mrs. Stymiest attended the kick-off of Anti-Bullying Week at Campbellton Middle School. The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, Hon. Marie-Claude Blais, was also among the dignitaries in attendance. Campbellton Middle School was chosen to launch the Anti-Bullying campaign as it is considered to be a leader in the province for its anti-bullying initiatives. The kick-off event was streamed live via the internet to schools across the province.</p>

	<p>Thirty students recently had the opportunity to travel to the Netherlands as part of a Dutch Exchange. Mrs. Stymiest indicated that she received pictures and reports of the wonderful time that the students and staff were having during this trip.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest reported on the situation involving the gym at Ian Baillie Primary School. She indicated that the infiltration of water has compromised a wall, resulting in the gym and part of the kitchen being closed. Work is now underway to assess damage to the school. In the meantime, students are being transported to another location for physical education. The Christmas Concert will be held at James M. Hill Memorial High School.</p> <p>The district is now facing major technology challenges due to aging and outdated equipment. Mrs. Stymiest indicated that the district is currently looking at ways to address these needs. She noted that Anglophone North School District has the largest number of Smartboards that will need to be updated.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest reviewed the Financial Report prepared as of October 31, 2013. She noted that Technology Support and Special Projects are currently showing deficits. However, she indicated that the district will be receiving funding to offset these deficits.</p>
K.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p>Mrs. Rogers will be attending a meeting of the Provincial Curriculum Advisory Committee on December 10 and 11.</p> <p>Mrs. Rogers reported that Janeville Elementary School participated in a stacking competition on November 14 in conjunction with the World's Sport Stacking Association and the Guinness World Book of Records. The students at Janeville participated in this activity simultaneously with 500,000 other students around the world. Mrs. Rogers noted that the world record was broken.</p> <p>Mr. Ecker indicated that he attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at Blackville School. He informed Council that he was very impressed with the singing and musical talent among the students and inquired into the possibility of the district showcasing student talent at some point in the future.</p> <p>Mrs. Rogers noted that schools should ensure that the student council president, or a designate, be on hand to lay a wreath on behalf of the students at the Remembrance Day ceremonies.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported that he held a Cluster Meeting at Campbellton Middle School on November 4, 2013 and that it was very well attended. At this</p>

	<p>meeting, Jennifer Grass, gave a presentation on Anti-Bullying, and Mr. Mortlock presented training information to the Parent School Support Committee members. Mr. Mortlock also participated in a Cluster Meeting for Sub-districts 4 and 6. A training session was also held for PSSC members at this meeting, and Connie Daley, Guidance/PLEP, gave a presentation on Anti-Bullying.</p> <p>Mr. Flanagan noted that he had to re-schedule his Cluster Meeting due to a death in his family. He plans to hold this meeting before the end of November.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock advised that he will be participating in a telephone conference on November 19, 2013 concerning "Program Vesta", a program that has been adopted to identify efficiencies and generate cost-saving measures in all departments and agencies in New Brunswick.</p> <p>Mr. Coster proposed that a large (2' x 4') Christmas card should be prepared and placed in the lobby of the Education and Early Childhood Development office in Fredericton. He noted that the card could include wishes for a Happy Holiday and a Merry Christmas from the students, staff, and the District Education Council of Anglophone North School District. Mrs. Stymiest will pursue this with the principals with the possibility of involving students in this project. Arrangements will be also be made to have Hon. Marie-Claude Blais and Hon. Robert Trevors on hand for the presentation of this card in Fredericton.</p> <p>Council members agreed to hold the December District Education Council meeting at Rexton Elementary School on December 9, 2013, weather permitting. This change is being made as a result of the October meeting being cancelled in Rexton.</p>
L.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next District Education Council meeting will be held on December 9, 2013 at Rexton Elementary School.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Ron Ecker .</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Dunnett
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent