

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
October 21, 2013
Office of the Superintendent**

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 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Superintendent.</p>
B.	<p>SWEARING IN CEREMONY</p> <p>Ms. Cindy Courier officiated over the swearing in of Ron Ecker, who is the newly appointed representative for Sub District 6 in the Anglophone North School District. Mr. Mortlock welcomed Mr. Ecker as a member of the District Education Council.</p>
C.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock advised that due to the meeting's change of location, Item "D" (Presentation: Diane Wilson, Principal, Rexton Elementary School) will be deleted. He also noted that the location at the top of the agenda should be changed to "Office of the Superintendent".</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Joe Petersen that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Mike Coster and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the minutes of the regular District Education Council meeting held on September 16, 2013 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY Mike Coster and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the minutes of the In-Camera meeting held on October 9, 2013 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
F.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>(a) Educational Improvement Plan</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock noted that the District Education Council members received the draft Educational Improvement Plan at the September 16, 2013 meeting for their review. IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the Educational Improvement Plan be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<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-3, E-7 - In Compliance - See Attached Briefing Notes <p>(b) New Educational Hirings</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
H.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Correspondence items were circulated to Council members for their review.</p>
I.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock was pleased to welcome Mrs. Beth Stymiest as the new Superintendent of Anglophone North School District.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock attended the Minister's Forum in Moncton on October 19, 2013. He distributed to Council members copies of the agenda from the Minister's Forum, as well as the expenditure plan for the Provincial Board of Education. He also distributed a list of questions that was sent out to political parties prior to the last provincial election. Mr. Mortlock indicated that this list will be revised and forwarded to the political parties in January, 2014. He will also forward the revised list to Council members for their input. Mr. Mortlock provided members with the Council of DEC Chairs Guidelines, which outlines the on-going strategic plan for 2013-2014.</p>

	<p>Mr. Mortlock advised members that the Minister's Excellence in Teaching Awards will be presented in Fredericton on Saturday, November 16, 2013. Two teachers from Anglophone North School District will be among the recipients of these awards.</p>
<p>J.</p>	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest reported that five nominations for Outstanding Volunteers were received – Tom Burns, Erica Fitzpatrick, Daren Row, John Fitzpatrick, and Carrie Kingston. IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Sheila Rogers that Certificates of Appreciation be prepared and forwarded to each of these volunteers. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest distributed samples of the new Starfish nomination cards and certificates to the members. She indicated that the Starfish pins are currently in the process of being manufactured with the new district logo.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest reported that Kindergarten registrations were held during the week of October 15-18, 2013. She noted that registrations will be ongoing as families move into the district.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest updated Council members on the stand-off situation that took place in Rexton on October 17, 2013. She commended the principals, teachers and bus drivers of Rexton Elementary School, Eleanor W. Graham Middle School and Bonar Law Memorial High School for their exemplary work in ensuring the safety of the students. She also acknowledged the team work of district office staff in communicating with these schools and the bus drivers, and in arranging for the safe dismissal of students. Parents were kept informed during the morning of October 17 by Talk Mail messages that were forwarded by the schools, as well as by updates that were posted on the district and schools' websites. Mrs. Stymiest plans to meet with the RCMP in the near future to review the situation that took place and to make improvements for the future. Mrs. Stymiest indicated that she and the district crisis team visited the Rexton schools on October 18. The crisis team is expected to return to Rexton on October 22.</p>
<p>K.</p>	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Coster welcomed Mrs. Beth Stymiest by making the following statement: "On behalf of the District Education Council, I want to offer our sincere and heartiest congratulations to Superintendent Beth on her new appointment as Anglophone North Superintendent of Schools. We wish her well in her new position and we offer her our full support and cooperation. We have every confidence that she will prove herself both a credit and an asset to our school system. Congratulations and best wishes, Superintendent Beth!"</p>

	<p>Mr. Mortlock indicated that he attended the “Anti-Bullying” presentation held at Campbellton Middle School on September 25, 2013. He reported that Mr. Bruce Van Stone, Provincial Learning Specialist for Bullying Awareness and Prevention, and Ms. Jennifer Grass, Teacher at Campbellton Middle School, gave a fantastic presentation. He noted that the Anti-Bullying Week will be launched provincially from Campbellton Middle School.</p> <p>Mrs. Rogers advised Council members that she was recently appointed to the provincial Curriculum Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock confirmed that he has not yet received the official letter indicating the location of the Spring Symposium that Anglophone North District Education Council will be hosting in May, 2014.</p>
L.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next District Education Council meeting will be held on November 18, 2013 at L. E. Reinsborough School.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. on a motion by Mike Coster.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Dunnett
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent