

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
April 20, 2023
Terry Fox Elementary School**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice Chair
Carmel Hambrook
Paul Mourant
Dean Mutch, Interim Superintendent
Alexis McAllister, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Nancy McBain
Andy Flanagan
Gilbert Cyr
Rev. Albertine LeBlanc

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Petersen called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:41 p.m. This was a virtual meeting that was live-streamed to the public. Mr. Petersen began the meeting by acknowledging the land on which the District Education Council was meeting is located on traditional unceded and unsurrendered territory. This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship, which the Mi'kmaq peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with the surrender of lands and resources but, in fact, recognized Mi'kmaq title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION Ms. Paula Chapman, Principal, and Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, Vice-Principal, Terry Fox Elementary School</p> <p>To open the meeting, staff and students from Terry Fox Elementary school treated the DEC Members to a delightful sampling of the school's upcoming production of the Broadway musical Lion King Junior. Students performed three songs on stage, to a small but enthusiastic crowd. Students did a fantastic job!</p>

Ms. Chapman prepared a short slideshow to highlight some facts about the school and current events. Terry Fox Elementary School currently has 285 students. In recent years the school has been experiencing a steady increase in enrollments. Staff consists of 23 teachers, a guidance counselor, a behaviour mentor, an interventionist, 24 educational assistants, a school intervention worker, 0.5 school librarian, four custodians and two cafeteria staff.

The two areas of focus for the School Improvement Plan: Literacy and Student Mental Health. The goal is to help kids gain one year of growth in their reading. The school is consciously building student connections to help generate a sense of belonging for students.

With the addition of many new-comers, school staff and students make it a point to be culturally inclusive and celebrate them to make sure new-comer students feel connected to the school and community.

Project based learning has been very successful and engages the students while covering curriculum objectives in one activity. A lot of classes use the outdoor classroom. Students from Bathurst High School have created a trail from the elementary school to the New Brunswick Trail and help to maintain it so students can regularly use the trail for school activities.

The school is very proud of their First Nations connections. First Nation Elders visit the school to teach every classroom about the Seven Sacred Teachings. Ashley Sanipass, an Indigenous artist, has worked on art initiatives with students, students have also participated in smudging ceremonies. Currently, students are participating in the Legacy Project- learning about Chanie Wenjack's story and the residential school system.

Every month students visit the Bathurst Public Library, the idea behind this was to create the opportunity for all students to have access to the library. As a result, the public library reported an increase in students coming to the library, with their families, on the weekends.

PowerfulPlay- TFES is one of 41 schools that make up the Canadian Playful Schools Network. This network promotes learning through "Greenscreen and Everything in Between". Four teachers from the school will travel to Ottawa this coming June to meet and share projects. Through this program teachers are offered professional development once per month.

With the help of the district leads, the school has been able to offer many extracurricular activities to students: soccer, basketball, smash ball, drama, the kindness club, music, art club and a few others, all of which have been no cost to the students.

In closing Ms. Chapman expressed how fortunate her school is to have such great support from the staff and surrounding community.

	Mr. Petersen thanked Ms. Chapman and Mr. McLaughlin for their presentation and expressed how pleased he was to see all the projects, activities, and opportunities available to students of Terry Fox Elementary School.
D.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES IT WAS MOVED BY Paul Mourant and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the minutes of the March 20, 2023, meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.
E.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES No Business Arising from Minutes.
F.	CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS Policy Monitoring <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-9, GP-4 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Paul Mourant that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.
G.	CORRESPONDENCE No Correspondence.
H.	NEW BUSINESS The DEC Retreat has been booked to take place June 1-3, 2023.
I.	CHAIR'S COMMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen attended the Dalhousie Regional High School PSSC meeting where a presentation was given by Patty Miller and a group of students regarding the 5-year plan to develop a “Knowledge Garden”. They are receiving much appreciated support from local businesses and the district. • Mr. Petersen attended a planning committee meeting for the new Campbellton K-8 school. • As part of the Council of DEC Chairs, Mr. Petersen took part in a visual presentation with Inga Boehler (EECD) for the English Language Proficiency Assessments. The results of which are under embargo until their release. • The hiring committee for the new Superintendent has met several times with KBRS. Mr. Petersen is pleased with the process, he indicated that there will be a meeting on May 8th to review candidates and expressed the importance of all council members being present for the meeting. This

	<p>was supported by Mr. Kyle Steele (KBRS) and Assistant Deputy Minister, Tiffany Bastin (EECD).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen met with retired teacher, Russ Mclean and retired educator and town councillor for Heron Bay (Former Town of Dalhousie), Jean Robert Haché to discuss the theater in L. E. Reinsborough School. They have been working on a project to improve the current set up within the theater, however this will require permission for the construction required to make the changes. Mr. Petersen committed to bringing this request to the attention of the Superintendent. • Mr. Petersen also shared that he has been asked to participate on the French Second Language and English Prime Steering Committee. A meeting is scheduled to take place next week.
J.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mutch shared the following important dates: May 9, 2023 – PSSC Appreciation Dinner June 1-3, 2023 – DEC Retreat June 6, 2023 – Miramichi Retirement Banquet June 8, 2023 – Bathurst Retirement Banquet • Mr. Mutch wanted to share that the 3rd annual New Brunswick Education Symposium is being held on April 26th in Fredericton. This event gives researchers from faculties of education across New Brunswick an opportunity to share their findings with colleagues from the Department of Education and Early Childhood and the four Anglophone districts. • PowerPlay Young Entrepreneurs has been operating in classrooms across the province for the past five years. Mr. Mutch wanted to share that this program and initiatives have reached over 15,000 students in New Brunswick. • The following are the most recent Starfish Award Recipients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ashley Smearer, Teacher, SSSH - Julie Thompson-Hunter, Teacher, TFES - Natasha MacQuarrie, Teacher, TFES - Haley Taylor, Teacher, TFES - Ed Duffy, Maintenance Repairman - Éliane Alain, FSL Monitor, LBS
K.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p><u>Carmel Hambrook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hambrook was not able to attend the recent Gretna Green School PSSC meeting on April 18th. • Tabusintac Community School is organizing a Mother's Day market. The market is being held as a fundraiser for the grade 8 Graduation banquet and trip. Their next PSSC meeting is scheduled for May 1st. • Max Aitken Academy's next PSSC meeting is scheduled for May 17th.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hambrook has not heard from Miramichi Valley High School regarding their next scheduled PSSC meeting. • The next Curriculum and Assessment Meeting will be held on May 23rd. Ms. Hambrook plans on attending. <p><u>Sheila Rogers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rogers attended a meeting with KBRS for the Superintendent hiring committee. • Ms. Rogers also took part, with the Council of DEC Chairs, in a visual presentation with Inga Boehler (EECD) for the English Language Proficiency Assessments. • Ms. Rogers attended PSSC meeting for Parkwood Heights Elementary School. She plans on attending the upcoming meetings for the Bathurst High School and Terry Fox Elementary School. • Bathurst High School issued their student generated newsletter the “BHS Buzz”, the students area doing culinary classes and the high school drama class is putting on the production “Mamma Mia” next week. • Janeville Elementary School had a free hot lunch day cooked and served by volunteers. • Ms. Rogers has reported that all schools in her subdistrict are working on improving literacy and numeracy skills, making newcomers welcome and being inclusive environments for their students. <p><u>Paul Mourant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mourant took part in the meetings for the Superintendent’s hiring committee with KBRS. • Mr. Mourant attended Bonar Law Memorial High School’s most recent PSSC meeting. The school recently held their Kenny Sock Memorial hockey game between teachers and the local RCMP. This was a fundraising event that raised approximately \$8000 for mental health initiatives. • Mr. Mourant attended the most recent PSSC meeting at Rexton Elementary School, they are anxious to know who the incoming principal will be.
L.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held in-person on Monday, May 15, 2023, at District Office.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

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