

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
March 20, 2023
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice Chair
Carmel Hambrook
Paul Mourant
Gilbert Cyr
Rev. Albertine LeBlanc
Dean Mutch, Interim Superintendent
Alexis McAllister, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Nancy McBain
Andy Flanagan

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Petersen called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:40 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 Gilbert Cyr that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION Mr. Jonathan Watts, Principal, Sugarloaf Senior High School</p> <p>Mr. Watts provided council members with a presentation about Sugarloaf Senior High School. He began by thanking the District Education Council Members for their continued support. He went on to provide some information on the school; built in 1977, the school currently has 351 students. This includes 31 international students. SSHS staff consists of 25 FTEs (Educators), 15 Educational Assistants, 18 Enhancement Staff, 6 Custodians and 1 Administrative Assistant.</p>

	<p>Mr. Watts said the school carpentry shop has been upgraded to a computer aided design lab. They have recently started up the ICE Center to follow suit with the Miramichi and Bathurst areas in the district, working in cooperation with CCNB to increase programs and access to additional learning areas. The school is also working to upgrade the library to a learning common- a more modernized space for students. The entry area of the school has also been painted, this helped increase moral among students and staff. Plans are now to add vinyl imagery of the school mascot.</p> <p>Mr. Watts spoke to the School Improvement Plan, which has 2 major initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inclusivity- as a school community it is important for SSHS to be culturally accepting. 40% of the student population are from the community of Listuguj and 8% are international students from countries across the world. The school has established theme weeks where they hold activities and learning sessions to celebrate the cultures of their students. - Mental Health Resiliency- for students and staff. The school has been trying to consistently push out initiatives to support mental health wellness. <p>Other initiatives at the school include Moose Hunting, Drumming, Music Club, Renaissance Committee, Mawiomi, Student Council, Culture Club, and school sports.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen expressed gratitude for the ongoing efforts of Mr. Watts and his staff to help create a positive and supportive learning environment within SSHS, and also thanked him for his presentation.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Paul Mourant and seconded by Rev. Albertine Leblanc that the minutes of the February 23, 2023, meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>No Business Arising from Minutes.</p>
F.	<p>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>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) EL-6, GP-8, EL-2 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Gilbert Cyr and seconded by Paul Mourant that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>No Correspondence.</p>

H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>No New Business.</p>
I.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mutch indicated that our district has received preliminary staffing numbers. Currently we have the same number of FTEs for the incoming year as 2022-2023. • Education Research Development & Innovation (ERDI) has asked Mr. Mutch to serve on its National Panel for Education. The panel consists of Superintendent's from across Canada along with 31 leading business partners. • Mr. Craig Caldwell continues to meet with the First Nations of our district and with other districts to develop the scope of this new Director of First Nation Education position in hopes to have the job posting available for June 2023. • The 2023 ULead Conference will be held in Banff, Alberta, April 15th -19th. ASD-N is sending 7 Principals as well as the Superintendent. • The job posting for the Superintendent position has been launched: https://www.kbrs.ca/Career/16909
J.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen attended the L.E. Reinsborough School's PSSC meeting virtually- discussions included the upcoming PSSC Appreciation Dinner and an inquiry from local MLA, Guy Arsenault, concerning updates to the school. • Mr. Peterson attended two Superintendent Recruitment meetings. • Mr. Peterson also attended the meeting for the building of the new Campbellton K-8 School.
K.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p><u>Carmel Hambrook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hambrook attended the PSSC meeting for Tabusintac School. They discussed the French Immersion Program and the new Superintendent position. Their next meeting is March 27th. • Ms. Hambrook attended the virtual PSSC meetings for Gretna Green and Max Aitken Academy. • Ms. Hambrook regretfully missed the PSSC meeting at MVHS on March 13th. • The next Curriculum and Assessment Meeting will be held on April 25th . Ms. Hambrook plans on attending.

Gilbert Cyr

- Mr. Cyr plans to attend the PSSC meeting for Campbellton Middle School on March 21st. Next week he will be attending the PSSC meetings for Sugarloaf Senior High School and Lord Beaverbrook School.
- Mr. Cyr took part in the recent meeting for the new Campbellton K-8 School Building Committee. He is pleased to see the community buzzing with excitement about the new school.

Rev. Albertine LeBlanc

- Rev. LeBlanc attended the Blackville School PSSC meeting on March 14th. They welcomed a new student member to the committee. New computers for the Technology Lab are much needed. Two classrooms need new desks and chairs. The school did apply for the Microsoft Rebate discussed at the February DEC meeting.
- The PSSC meeting for Millerton School has been rescheduled for the last week of March.

Sheila Rogers

- Parkwood Heights Elementary School had their Book Fair this week, and held registration for the swim team. Their next PSSC meeting is March 28th.
- Grade 3-5 students at Janeville Elementary School are learning to play the ukulele, under the coaching of former Superintendent, Beth Stymiest. These students played a concert at the local senior's complex. The school's STEM- Science Fair will be held on March 22nd.
- The grade 1FI at Terry Fox Elementary collected donations for the local SPCA. The school has also started the 10-week art program. There are some costs involved, the school did secure funding to offset the cost to ensure the program is accessible to all students interested.
- Superior Middle School holding their STEM Fair on March 22nd. The school also has an outdoor skating rink.
- Bathurst High School held a PSSC meeting on March 1st, the next meeting will be held on April 25th.
- Ms. Rogers also took part in the February 23rd Inclusion Steering Committee meeting in Fredericton. They reviewed updates to Policy 322, the Gender Support Plan rollout, the Mental Health Youth Check-In Survey results and the High School Renewal plans.
- Coming November 7th -9th, Ms. Rogers indicated that EECD will be hosting a Trauma Conference, they are expecting 800-1000 attendees, Ms. Rogers will provide more information as it becomes available.

Paul Mourant

- Mr. Mourant attended two meetings for the Superintendent's recruitment committee.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Mourant was looking for two members to submit their Superintendent evaluations and will compile results for the next meeting.
L.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held in-person on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at Terry Fox Elementary School. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

Alexis McAllister
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC