

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE SCHOOL DISTRICT-NORTH**

**MINUTES
June 19, 2023
Office of the Superintendent**

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

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Joe Petersen, Chair, called the District Education Council meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen acknowledged that 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 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 Andy Flanagan and seconded by Sheila Rogers to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Nancy McBain and seconded by Rev. Albertine LeBlanc to approve the May 15, 2023, minutes. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
D.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>

<p>E.</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>Policy Monitoring – At the June 1-2, 2023, DEC Retreat recommendations were made to modify the existing District Education Council Policies. Recommendations were to remove the following policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E-3 - E-4 - E-4a - E-5 - E-6 - E-8 - E-10 - EL-10 <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Rev. Albertine LeBlanc to approve the removal of the above listed District Education Council Policies. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
<p>F.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter addressed to Hon. Minister Hogan from Mr. Robert Levesque, opposing Bill 46.
<p>G.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) DEC Meeting Dates and Locations 2023-2024</p> <p>A discussion was held concerning the proposed dates and locations of the 2023-2024 District Education Council meetings.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Gilbert Cyr and seconded by Sheila Rogers to follow the same format as in the previous 2022-2023 year and hold November-March meetings virtually to avoid winter travel. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
<p>H.</p>	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen, along with Ms. Rogers, visited the Legislature on June 13, 2023, along with their Anglophone and Francophone counterparts to show their opposition to Bill 46. Also met with Susan Holt, and Francine Landry. • Second session with the French Second Language Steering Committee. • Bill 46 has been rescinded- the District Education Councils will remain.

<p>I.</p>	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mutch reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to the following ASD-N students and employees who received Starfish Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mara Mitxelena-Ruiz, Student- JMH -Jennifer France, Teacher- PHES -Leonard LaPointe, Bus Driver- TFES <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Outstanding Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Maria Krysko, First Nation Elder- SMS -Kelly Richard- MAA -Kim Stewart Mah- MAA -Jeff McLean- MAA -Corey Shaddick and the Miramichi Fire Dept- MAA • Permanent staffing has been completed. All contract B teachers were placed last week. Contract D positions were posted on June 16th- 107 jobs were posted. • Educational Assistant positions continue to be a major area of concern in terms of staffing and budget shortfalls. An increase in funding support from the province does not cover the full costs. • Graduation Ceremonies will be taking place from June 20th-24th. • Elementary/Middle Level Track and Field days have been scheduled and are continuing to take place. • The Mi'kmaq Grand Council flag was officially raised at James M. Hill Memorial High School. • The Expenditure Plan, typically presented to the DEC every June, is not fully prepared, but should be ready in two weeks and will be reviewed with members via Teams on June 27th. <p>Mr. Mutch expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the DEC Members for their support and dedication.</p>
<p>J.</p>	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p><u>Nancy McBain:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. McBain attended the DEC Retreat this past June 1st-2nd.

- Ms. McBain plans to be involved in the interview process for the new Director of First Nation Education position, that will not be taking place until August.
- Ms. McBain will be attending the graduation at Dalhousie Regional High School

Rev. Albertine LeBlanc:

- Rev. LeBlanc attended the DEC Retreat held on June 1st-2nd.
- Rev. LeBlanc attended the June 6th Retirement Banquet at the Rodd Miramichi.
- Rev. LeBlanc participated in the interviews for Superintendent position on June 5th.
- Rev. LeBlanc attended the year end PSSC dinner for NSEE and will be attending the NSER graduation on June 22nd.

Carmel Hambrook:

- Ms. Hambrook attended the Max Aitken Academy closing dinner for their PSSC.
- Ms. Hambrook was invited and plans on attending the graduation at MVHS.

Paul Mourant:

- Mr. Mourant attended the provincial track and field meet where Bonar Law Memorial place 2nd and broke their 13-year winning record.
- Mr. Mourant will be attending the graduation at BLMS on June 24th.

Gilbert Cyr:

- Mr. Cyr thanked the other members for their time and dedication to the council and expressed how grateful he was to continue to participate as a member and help.
- Mr. Cyr participated in the interviews to hire the new Superintendent.
- Mr. Cyr attended the DEC Retreat June 1st-2nd.
- Mr. Cyr was asked to speak at the Sugarloaf Senior High School graduation.

	<p><u>Sheila Rogers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rogers will be attended the Bathurst High School graduation. • Ms. Rogers attended the DEC Retreat June 1st-2nd for policy review • Ms. Rogers was part of the hiring committee and participated in the Superintendent interviews. She congratulated Dean. • Ms. Rogers attended the June 6th Inclusion Steering Committee meeting. Update on positive behavior and intervention support given by John Tingley and Monique Hughes. Four schools in our district will be taking part in the pilot (25 schools total in NB), this includes: Terry Fox Elementary School, North and South Esk Regional High School, Superior Middle School, and Dr. Losier Middle School. There was also presentation by the Council of Student Leaders- they presented a report and recommendations on diversity and inclusion in ASD-W. This was a project to be conducted by students- for students. The report was the result in interviews and surveys, all conducted by students. • Ms. Rogers attended the closing dinner for the Terry Fox Elementary School PSSC. • On June 13th, Ms. Rogers went to the Legislature in Fredericton to meet with Liberal Leader, Susan Holt. The meeting went well, and Ms. Rogers was pleased to see the support from their Francophone counterparts. <p><u>Andy Flanagan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Flanagan attended the DEC Retreat on June 1st -2nd • Mr. Flanagan was excited and happy to hear the news that Bill 46 would not be perused further and that DEC's would remain status quo. • Mr. Flanagan will be attending the James M. Hill Memorial graduation on June 20th.
K.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Before adjourning the meeting, Mr. Petersen wished the members a happy and safe summer. The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held at the Office of the Superintendent on Tuesday, August 15th, at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

Alexis McAllister
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