

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

**MINUTES
June 28, 2024
Delta Hotel Fredericton**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice-Chair
Ed Gilchrist
Paul Mourant
Andy Flanagan
Nancy McBain
Carmel Hambrook
Dean Mutch, Superintendent
Alexis McAllister, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Gilbert Cyr

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Joe Petersen, Chair, called the District Education Council meeting to order at 9:39 a.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>POLICY REVIEW:</p> <p>Each member received a binder containing the updated District Education Policies. Mr. Petersen carefully reviewed each policy and requested members ask questions, make suggestions for change and recommendations for improvement. At this time all policies will remain the same. No changes made.</p>
C.	<p>QUESTION PERIOD FOR INCLUSION:</p> <p>Mr. Mutch wanted to take time to answer DEC Member questions regarding how needs for inclusion are being met and addressed within our ASD-N schools.</p>

	<p>Ms. Rogers, who is involved in the Steering Committee for Inclusion with EECD, spoke to the report recently completed by Child and Youth Advocate, Mr. Kelly Lamrock (but not officially released to the public at this time). Ms. Rogers' concern was students who currently attend school for partial days. Mr. Mutch said that out of approximately 8000 students in ASD-N, less than 1% attend partial days. All students participating in partial day schedules have personalized learning plans that are documented and signed by the student's parents.</p> <p>Mr. Mutch also spoke to a couple of our schools participating in six-week pilot projects that aimed to help students self-regulate, which were successful (not partial day plans). Moving forward Mr. Mutch said that in collaboration with EECD and other districts, plans to improve inclusion are continuously ongoing.</p>
D.	<p>SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN ASD-N:</p> <p>Each school district in New Brunswick has positions open for school psychologists, however Mr. Mutch said, like most districts, there is a shortage in educated individuals in the workforce and it is difficult to offer a competitive salary. Those people with the education are practicing privately. Currently ASD-N does not have any psychologists on staff.</p>
E.	<p>PRESENTATION: Colin Brewster, Director of Finance and Administration, Anglophone North School District 2024-2025 Expenditure Plan</p> <p>Mr. Brewster presented the 2024-2025 Expenditure plan for council members. Each member received a copy of the plan to review along with the presentation.</p> <p>Reviewing each section with DEC members, Mr. Brewster answered questions and explained changes and how the budget can end in a surplus or deficit. Specifically what areas are most likely to fluctuate such as transportation (fuel costs, snow days where buses do not operate), operating costs that include snow removal, closures due to snow days, heating due to prolonged periods of cold temperatures. Unfilled employee absences can also impact the budget.</p> <p>Mr. Brewster stated that ASD-N's total projected budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year is \$128,273,000.00, this includes \$250,000.00 carried over from the previous year's surplus. Mr. Brewster explained why he felt this surplus happened and how we can better track spending with this incoming budget by doing a monthly review and reporting within his department and a quarterly review with the Superintendent and District Education Council.</p> <p>APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 EXPENDITURE PLAN. IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Ed Gilchrist to approve the 2024-2025 Expenditure Plan. MOTION CARRIED.</p>

<p>F.</p>	<p>K-2 PLANS FOR 2024-2025</p> <p>Mr. Mutch brought the council up to date with the change in dismissal time, beginning September 2024. Students in kindergarten – grade 2 will no longer have an earlier dismissal, all students (K- Grade 12) will be dismissed at the same time each day. This was already tested out in a pilot program that proved successful.</p> <p>Council members asked how this was going to affect the K-2 teachers. Mr. Mutch responded that the change was negotiated in the collective agreement with the New Brunswick Teachers Association.</p>
<p>L.</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held to August 19st, 2024, at the Office of the Superintendent.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis McAllister
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC