

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

**MINUTES
September 23, 2024
Teams Meeting**

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

Regrets: Andy Flanagan
Nancy McBain

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Joe Petersen, Chair, called the District Education Council meeting to order at 5:30 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 Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Gilbert Cyr to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION: Matthew Sweezey, Director of First Nation Education, 2023-2024 First Nation Education Report</p> <p>Mr. Sweezey joined the meeting to review the First Nation Education Report for 2023-2024. The annual report was prepared by Ms. Melissa Dedam, Subject Coordinator for First Nations Education.</p>

Mr. Sweezey wanted to share the highlights of the report which included the Enhanced Program and Services Agreement. Overreaching goals of this agreement are to improve learning and social emotional outcomes, provide First Nations students enrolled in public schools with a quality education that is relevant to their culture, language and traditions. Also, to promote positive learning and working relationships between First Nations and the District to help foster positive and effective transitions for First Nations children entering public school.

Programs that have been implemented and continue to be used across the district include:

- Elder's Gathering
- Kairos Blanket Exercise
- Flag Raising Ceremony
- Spirit Bears
- Drumming groups
- Mawiomis
- Professional Learning for Mi'kmaq language teachers
- Professional Learning and initiatives for staff and teachers
- Student lead initiatives – basket weaving, medicine walks, sewing ribbon skirts, holding a MMIWG2S workshop, to name a few.

Jordan's Principle is a large portfolio in the district, the need to better manage the portfolio has been recognized, for this reason the district has hired Lead, Lori Gillham. Ms. Gillham will be responsible to oversee the applications and resources for the Jordan's Principle program.

At the ASD-N ICE Center, Advanced Welding and Advanced Electrical courses are offered to First Nations students where they can achieve their first block for these skilled trades. Students have the opportunity to connect with specific trades, JEDI, Workforce Warriors, First in Trades, Canadian Welding Bureau and other organizations supporting First Nations' career planning.

ASD-N First Nations students proudly travelled overseas on the North Shore Regiment Legacy Tour this past June 2024. On the trip they attended a ceremony on "Nan Red" Beach to honour indigenous veterans (sma'knis).

One thing Mr. Sweezey wanted to speak to was that as a group the First Nations Education Department are collecting data to help visualize progress, but also to identify areas they can focus their attention on, areas that need improvement.

Finishing up the presentation Mr. Sweezey answered a few questions from council members. District Education Council members thanked Mr. Sweezey for his time and excellent presentation.

<p>D.</p>	<p>PRESENTATION: Candice Gallivan, Principal, Rexton Elementary School</p> <p>Ms. Gallivan joined the meeting to discuss Rexton Elementary School. The school currently has 321 students. There are 52 teachers and staff members, included in this number are 16 Educational Assistants, 1 Behavior Intervention Mentor, 1 Administrative Assistant, 3.5 Custodians and 1 librarian, 1 Language Monitor.</p> <p>The school has focused on the goal to prioritize play and movements. By making some changes in the school day, they have been able to incorporate 30 mins of physical activity, 5 days a week, for all students. As a district initiative they have also increased outside recess time to an hour per day. Students who come to school early, if not taking part in the breakfast program, can also choose to go outside for an additional 15 minutes, making it possible to have 75 minutes of outside time.</p> <p>Another focus is literacy. All grade K-2 teachers are working on and using best practices to see some gains.</p> <p>Math continues to be a targeted area. The school is partnered with Jump Math. Vice-Principal, Sherry Munn, is part of a provincial team working with Jump Math to customize a program for New Brunswick Schools.</p> <p>There are a few groups that are active at RES, this includes the Student Video Club. The club created a video for the meeting which council members watched called "A Day in the Life at RES". It was very well done and much appreciated.</p> <p>Council members asked Ms. Gallivan a few questions before thanking her for her presentation and her time.</p>
<p>D.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Paul Mourant and seconded by Gilbert Cyr to approve the June 28, 2024, minutes. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
<p>E.</p>	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>(a) Major Capital Projects 2024-2025</p> <p>Members reviewed and discussed moving forward with the list of Major Capital Projects provided to them by Mr. Colin Brewster, Director of Finance and Administration.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Ed Gilchrist and seconded by Carmel Hambrook to approve the list of Major Capital Projects for 2024-2025. MOTION CARRIED.</p>

F.	<p>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>Policy Monitoring</p> <p>(i) GP 1,2,3,4,5,7 – Meeting Review Form</p> <p>(ii) EL-2, EL-5, EL-8 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Paul Mourant and seconded by Gilbert Cyr to approve the Consent Agenda Items. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>No correspondence.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Cell Phone Use in Classrooms (Regulation 309)</p> <p>Mr. Mutch informed council members that the new Regulation 309- Cell Phone Use in Classrooms has been introduced to supplement Provincial Policy 311. This regulation requires students to turn off their cellular phones while in class. All eight high schools in ASD-N have implemented this regulation with success. Staff have also been asked to set a good example by following the regulation as well, while in the classroom with students. Mr. Mutch expressed his sincere appreciation for the effort put forward by students and staff for this initiative.</p> <p>(b) Update on Tabusintac Community School and new Campbellton School Build.</p> <p>The Tabusintac Community School Expansion plan was initially budgeted to cost \$3 million, after some updating and revision the total cost for the expansion is set for approximately \$5 million. The revision did exclude some of the spaces the school was hoping to gain, but overall should be able to accommodate the current school population of 101 students. Funding for the expansion comes directly from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and is not part of the district’s annual budget.</p> <p>Mr. Mutch was in the Campbellton area recently to see the progress on the new school build. Foundation work is currently being completed.</p>
I.	<p>CHAIR’S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Petersen was present for much of the meeting but had to leave before sharing his comments. Mr. Petersen will share his comments for this month at the October meeting.</p>

<p>J.</p>	<p>SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mutch shared the updated student enrollment numbers as of September 23, 2024 - 8126 students. An increase of 195 students from September 30, 2023 (7931 students).</p> <p>Mr. Mutch shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Assistant hours at most schools have increased to 36.25 hours/week (previously 30 hours/week). • New Jordan’s Principle Liaison, Lori Gillham. • Principal at Large positions • Assistant Facilities Managers to manage custodians. • Field Trips- district will be covering costs for field trips • \$250,000 for teachers through innovation fund • Get Fit Program has returned • 17 new “B” Contracts have been awarded • ULead Conference- A group of ASD-N Principals will be attending <p>Staffing updates- Mr. Mutch is happy to report that all classrooms have a teacher. The district currently has 38 “C” contract teachers and 85 “D” contract teachers. Interviews for supply teachers continue, hiring of BIMs is ongoing. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will update the district on additional FTE on September 30th.</p>
<p>K.</p>	<p>DEC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS</p> <p>Paul Mourant’s report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting to hear from schools for their PSSC meeting schedules. <p>Carmel Hambrook’s report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still waiting for the PSSC schedule. • Waiting to hear when the next meeting for the Curriculum and Assessment Committee will be scheduled. <p>Sheila Rogers’ report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rogers’ attended the PSSC meeting at Bathurst High School on August 27th to complete the Principal Evaluation Form. • The Inclusion Steering Committee meeting is being postponed until after the election on October 21st. • Ms. Rogers is waiting to hear news about the Fall Symposium, there have been no updates. <p>Gilbert Cyr’s report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cyr is following the new school build in Campbellton. He was concerned about the impact construction might have on students during

	<p>school hours, as SSHS is next to the construction site, but there have been no complaints.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lord Beaverbrook School has reported traffic congestion at the back of the school due to the new dismissal time. • There is a new Director of Education in Listuguj First Nation and a new Principal at the Listuguj School. <p>Ed Gilchrist's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gilchrist is waiting to hear back from his schools regarding their PSSC schedules.
L.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will take place on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at Superior Middle School.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

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