

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
March 17, 2025
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice Chair
Carmel Hambrook
Ed Gilchrest
Gibert Cyr
Nancy McBain
Dean Mutch, Superintendent
Alexis McAllister, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Andy Flanagan
Paul Mourant

	AGENDA ITEMS
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Petersen called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:33 p.m. Mr. Petersen began the meeting by acknowledging the land on which the District Education Council was meeting is located on traditional unceded and unsundered 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 Ed Gilchrist and seconded by Sheila that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Gilbert Cyr that the minutes of the February 18, 2025, meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
D.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>No business arising from minutes</p>

E.	<p>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>Policy Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) GP 1,2,3,5 & 7 – Meeting Review Form (ii) C/SR 1 & C/SR 3 – Meeting Review Form (ii) EL-2 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Ed Gilchrist and seconded by Nancy McBain that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
F.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>None.</p>
G.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Mr. Mutch shared the Education Plan questionnaire with DEC Members. Answers to the four questions were discussed and will be summarized and submitted via an online survey portal. (b) The proposed Smudging guidelines were discussed with DEC Members. Ms. McBain made a few recommendations that Mr. Mutch will take back to our Director of First Nations Education, Mr. Sweezey, for review.
H.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mutch shared the recent Starfish Award winners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Katie Scott- Teacher, Parkwood Heights Elementary School - Katie Zurkuhl- Teacher, Parkwood Heights Elementary School - Jody Lavigne- Teacher, Parkwood Heights Elementary School • We also had one Superintendent's Merit Award winner, Hayden Landry, student at Nelson Rural School. • Anglophone North School District nominated two recipients for the Minister's Excellence in Education Awards. Those names are being kept under wraps until the ceremony on May 21st, 2025. • Mr. Mutch provided DEC Members with a staffing update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Interviews will be held for multiple administration positions in the next couple of weeks. -Continuing to lobby the government for additional positions to support the implementation of ERP/Fusion. -Staffing for schools will be happening in the coming weeks with the release of the upcoming budget. -The district has a new full time painter on staff. -Debra Goodwyn is the new Assistant Facilities Manager for Custodians. • There is a travel ban to the United States for conferences.

I. DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Sheila Rogers

- On February 26th, Ms. Rogers attended the Inclusion Steering Committee virtual meeting. The incoming school psychologist incentive program, enhanced health supports in schools, early learning and transitioning to kindergarten, and the Apsea partnership were all discussed. Asst. Deputy Minister, Ms. Bastin, discussed the Education Plan theme. Updates to Policy 713 were also discussed. 69 Schools are now participating in the Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports School Program. Behaviour Intervention Mentors have been making positive impacts regarding attendance and behaviours according to collected data. A Trauma Conference was held in 2023, called "Hope Restored", the next one will be held November 5-7, 2025, in Fredericton. Next meeting is May 7th.
- Ms. Rogers attended the Council of DEC Chairs meeting on March 11th, the agenda for the upcoming Symposium was confirmed. Next meeting will be April 16th.
- The PSSC meeting for Parkwood Heights Elementary School was held on March 11th, Ms. Rogers was not able to attend but did talk to Principal Doucet beforehand, the school was able to get a storage shed for their bicycles, for their Learn to Ride program, with help from Bathurst High School and the Eddy Group.
- Superior Middle School boys and girls' basketball teams are competing in Provincial Championships.
- Terry Fox Elementary School had Elder, Ms. Stephanie Simon, visit from Elisapogtog First Nation. Ms. Simon spend two days sharing her knowledge and teachings about the Snow Blinding Moon.

Carmel Hambrook

- Ms. Hambrook attended, virtually, the PSSC meetings for Gretna Green School and Miramichi Valley High School. Ms. Hambrook mentioned the Symposium and the request for PSSC members to attend, but she had questions for more information. Ms. Hambrook referred them to contact the district office for additional information.
- Ms. Hambrook was not able to attend the meeting for the expansion on the Tabusintac Community School, however she did receive word that the expansion plans have not been changed to meet the requested accommodations.

Gilbert Cyr

- Mr. Cyr attends his PSSC meetings as they come. Most are discussions around and looking at data or discussing the new school build.

	<p><u>Nancy McBain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. McBain drove by the new Campbellton school construction site, she was very impressed. • Ms. McBain did hear about the Pow Wow at L. E. Reinsborough School, positive reviews! <p><u>Ed Gilchrist</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the PSSC meeting at North and South Esk Elementary School. They talked about data, including the attendance for the Parent-Teacher interviews. They had 61% attendance. • On March 25th, attended the Millerton School PSSC. There will be a new after school program starting up in September 2025, and the school has new volleyball nets. The school has partnered up with the Blue Jays for Challenger Baseball. • Mr. Gilchrist is scheduled to attend the Blackville School PSSC on March 18th.
J.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen attended a virtual meeting with Deputy Minister, Mr. Ryan Donaghy, for pre-budget discussion about what was important to the DEC's and their districts. • On March 11th, Mr. Petersen and Ms. Rogers attended the Council of DEC Chairs meeting in Fredericton to help finalize plans for the upcoming symposium, as well as Policy 322 updates. • Mr. Petersen attended the March 13th meeting with the Minister, Deputy Minister and Asst. Deputy Minister, Ms. Ardith Shirley (NBTA), and the Superintendent from ASD-W, Mr. McTimoney, to give a presentation about their trip to the ARC Summit in Scotland. • March 18th, Mr. Petersen is scheduled to attend the pre-budget meeting in Fredericton, and the Digital Learning Summit on March 19th.
K.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held in person at Bathurst High School on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

Alexis McAllister
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC