

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
May 20, 2025
Dr. Losier Middle School**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice Chair
Andy Flanagan
Nancy McBain
Gilbert Cyr
Carmel Hambrook
Ed Gilchrest
Paul Maurant
Dean Mutch, Superintendent
Alexis McAllister, Executive Assistant

	AGENDA ITEMS
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Petersen called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:51 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 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 Andy Flanagan and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION: Judson Wayne, Principal, Dr. Losier Middle School</p> <p>Mr. Wayne gave a brief presentation to bring DEC members up to speed with the events going on at Dr. Losier Middle School</p> <p>Mr. Wayne wanted to make clear the core values of the school – Personalization, Positive Relationship and Equity. He also spoke to the four compass points that the school focuses on- Iterate, Doing, Choice, and Connect.</p> <p>These values and compass points have aided staff and students in creating a more positive learning experience and helped students to overcome challenges.</p>

	<p>Keeping with the theme of positivity, Mr. Waye wanted to share with the DEC members the key strengths of the staff, which are professional learning, grade level meetings, education student service team, core leadership, positive behaviour intervention support (PBIS), and multi-tiered systems of support for students.</p> <p>Student recognition has also become common place in the school with the “School Shout-Outs” and “Noble Knights” programs. School Shouts are given to every student at report card time and posted on the bulletin board within the school. These are kind words of affirmation. Noble Knights is a recognition wall for students that includes athletics, academics, humanitarianism, and growth.</p> <p>After his presentation, Mr. Waye answered a few questions from staff regarding student attendance. Mr. Cyr also asked Mr. Waye what his biggest challenges were within the school? Mr. Waye’s response was the constant need for more and more workspace and meeting complex needs for students.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen thanked Mr. Waye for his time and the wonderful work he and his staff continue to do at Dr. Losier Middle School.</p>
D.	<p>PRESENTATION: Colin Brewster, Director of Finance and Administration Major Capital Projects 2025-2026</p> <p>Mr. Brewster presented the list of Major Capital Projects for each area of Anglophone North School District. Members discussed the list of Major Capital Improvements for 2025-2026 and approved them in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion/renovation project at Sugarloaf Senior High School that would include the addition of new technical vocational shops and the renovation of the existing shop space. • Expansion needed at King Street Elementary School as the population continues to increase with many newcomers in the area. This project is 36th on the 2023-2024 QBL list. • New High School for the Bathurst Area. • Capital upgrade to DRHS to make it a K-12 school while concurrently making capital upgrades to LER school to move district offices there. • Mid-life upgrade for JMH • Mid-life upgrade for MVHS • Mid-life upgrade for Superior Middle School • Blackville School requires an expansion to include additional space for technical vocation shops <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Paul Maurant and seconded by Sheila that the 5-year Major Capital Project list for planning purposes, as per policy 409, be approved as submitted, but that the district staff have authorization to adjust the list if a situation warrants a change in priority levels. MOTION CARRIED.</p>

E.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the minutes of the April 22, 2025, meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.
F.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES No business arising from the minutes.
G.	CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS Policy Monitoring (i) GP 1,2,3,5 & 7 – Meeting Review Form (ii) EL – 6, EL-10, & EL – 10a – Meeting Review Form (iii) GP 9 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes IT WAS MOVED BY Ed Gilchrist and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.
H.	CORRESPONDENCE None.
I.	NEW BUSINESS (a) Celebrate the Spirit Awards Four nominations were submitted for the annual DEC Celebrate the Spirit Awards. The council decided to award all four nominees. IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Sheila Rogers to accept the four nominees for Celebrate the Spirit Awards MOTION CARRIED.
J.	CHAIR'S COMMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Petersen shared that since the April meeting, most of his activities have been centered around the upcoming DEC Symposium scheduled for May 29th-31st. Last week, one of the Deputy Ministers of Education and Early Childhood Development informed Mr. Petersen that the Minister, Hon. Claire Johnson, would not be able to attend the Symposium due to conflicting events in her schedule. Mr. Petersen responded with a letter to the Premier, Hon. Susan Holt, requesting she attend the dinner. Should the Premier decline, the Council of DEC Chairs suggested the Premier or Minister provide a recorded greeting or one of the Deputy Ministers attended in their place.
K.	SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mutch indicated that the current number of retirees is 41, including all employee groups. • To ensure transparency, Directors of Schools and Mr. Mutch recently held meetings with each administrator, individually, and completed their preliminary staffing. “D” contract positions will now be advertised over the next two weeks. • Mr. Darren Oakes will be returning to Anglophone North School District as Subject Coordinator- Guidance for the Campbellton/Dalhousie/Bathurst Areas. • The DEC Retreat is approaching fast, June 5-7th. • Retirement Banquet dates are June 10- The Rodd Miramichi, and June 12- the Host Hotel in Bathurst. • Graduation Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 17- James M. Hill Memorial High School - June 18- Dalhousie Regional High School, Miramichi Valley High School - June 19- Bathurst High School, Blackville School, North and South Esk Regional High School - June 21- Bonar Law Memorial High School • Regarding the district budget, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has requested the district cut \$3.8 million from operating costs for the upcoming year. Mr. Mutch has submitted his proposal to the district’s Budget and Accounting team for final approval. ASDN will not be cutting any staff. • Mr. Mutch and Ms. Marianne Calhoun, HRO, attended a recent job fair in Toronto. A few teachers were recruited as a result. • In the 2025-2026 school year, high school classes will be going back exam writing. This decision comes from EECD, after feedback saying students are not prepared when entering post- secondary education.
L.	<p>DEC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS</p> <p><u>Nancy McBain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. McBain was pleased to see everyone at the meeting. She had nothing to report at this time. <p><u>Andy Flanagan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Flanagan had nothing to report at this time. <p><u>Sheila Rogers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On May 6th, Ms. Rogers attended the 2025 National Inclusive Education awards ceremony at the Government House in Fredericton. The Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Louise Imbeault, spoke to the well-attended room, as well as the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, Hon. Claire

Johnson. There were seven winners, including two teams and one certified therapy dog named Leo.

- May 7th, Ms. Rogers attended the Inclusion Steering committee meeting online. They reviewed their terms of reference and had a consultation with APSEA, regarding a broad view of the services offered. Together with Iron House, as a partner to EECD, over the next two months develop a plan of action to fill gaps.
- On May 12th, the Council of DEC Chairs met briefly to discuss the ongoing Symposium.
- Ms. Rogers also attended Janeville Elementary's recent PSSC, where they gave her a bottle of maple syrup the students had produced. The SIP was reviewed, the big changes with the current principal retiring, and the need for more resource assistance. Principal, Ellen Lee, was selected as a recipient for the Excellence in Education Award.
- Terry Fox Elementary School held their PSSC meeting on May 15th. They discussed the plan for the potential of two professional development days (two days per month), and they talked about compass points. They were pleased with the staffing meeting that took place with the Director of Schools and the Superintendent. The school also had a celebration for the raising of the Mi'kmaq Grand Council flag.
- May 26th, Ms. Rogers will be attending the PSSC Appreciation Dinner at Gowan Brae for her local PSSCs.
- May 27th, the Premier's Council on Disabilities have their legislative breakfast in Fredericton and then the DEC Symposium will be May 30th.

Gilbert Cyr

- Business as usual in Mr. Cyr's area. Attending PSSC meetings as required. Parents are expressing excitement about the new school. Mr. Cyr has joined the committee to help fundraise for playground equipment for the new K-8 school.
- Mr. Cyr did hear some good things about Mr. Mutch's process for getting staffing underway early.

Paul Maurant

- Mr. Maurant has two PSSC meetings coming up this Thursday at Bonar Law Memorial School and a meeting next week at Eleanor W. Graham Middle School.

Ed Gilchrist

- Blackville School held their PSSC Appreciation dinner and last meeting, last week.
- North and South Esk Regional High School and North and South Esk Elementary School are hosting their PSSC Appreciation dinners next week,
- Millerton School discussed with their PSSC that Ms. Nowlan will not be returning as Acting-Principal for the 2025-2026 school year.

	<p><u>Carmel Hambrook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hambrook attended the online PSSC meeting for Gretna Green School on May 13th. They reviewed the school calendar and are still waiting to confirm the two possible professional development days, per month. They also discussed the PSSC Appreciation dinner they will be having with the PSSC from Max Aitken Academy on June 11th. • Ms. Hambrook attended, via Teams, the Tabusintac Community School Expansion meeting on May 13th, classrooms are now going to be 45 square meters, but there is concern about the layout of the grounds. The new layout has the portable classrooms into the parking lot, where there is no bathroom facilities. The principal has concerns regarding the student population, and access to washroom facilities. The estimated time frame for completion of the expansion is 2027. • There is a curriculum and assessment meeting on June 3rd, Ms. Hambrook will not be able to make this meeting and offered that another DEC member sit in for her.
M.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held in person at the District Office on Monday, June 23rd, 2025.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

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