

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

**MINUTES  
October 20, 2025  
Office of the Superintendent**

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

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
<b>A.</b>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p>Mr. Joe Petersen, Chair, called the District Education Council meeting to order at 5:11 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>B.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Ed Gilchrist and seconded by Andy Flanagan to approve the agenda. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>C.</b>	<p><b>PRESENTATION: Krista Cabel, Director of Curriculum and Instruction ASD-N Annual Report 2024-2025</b></p> <p>Ms. Cabel began the evening with a presentation of the Annual Report for 2024- 2025. Kicking off her presentation by reviewing the Curriculum Team's Vision, Mission, Values and Objectives. Followed by a review of their long-term goals.</p>

	<p>The report covered the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-English Literacy</li> <li>-Numeracy</li> <li>-French Literacy</li> <li>-Social Studies and First Nations Education (Full Report on its own)</li> <li>-Science</li> <li>-Physical Education</li> <li>-Technology and Skilled Trades</li> <li>-Music and Fine Arts</li> <li>-English as an Additional Language</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Cabel touched on each subject, delivering highlights and data that showed how goals were being met and how new strategies and plans are being implemented. Also, sharing the plans to help meet future goals for students as well as ongoing Professional Development for staff.</p> <p>On closure, Ms. Cabel took questions from DEC members. Mr. Petersen thanked Ms. Cabel for her time and the effort her and her team invest in the continued growth of our district.</p>
D.	<p><b>PRESENTATION: Matthew Sweezey, Director of First Nations Education First Nations Education Annual Report 2024-2025</b></p> <p>Mr. Sweezey opened his presentation by introducing his expanded team, which started out as Mr. Sweezey and two leads, but has now grown to a team of five staff.</p> <p>Mr. Sweezey briefly discussed the First Nations Education Team’s mission and objectives. He spoke to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Truth: 94 Calls to Action, and Everyone at Their Best: New Brunswick’s 10-year Education Plan.</p> <p>The presentation covered priority areas and the programs and activities implemented to achieve goals that have been set out by the district and the province. This includes the Elders in Schools Program, the Spirit Bear program, continuing to raise the Grand Council flag at schools, conducting Blanket Exercises and Mawiomi gatherings. These are only a handful of the many experiences going on to expose our students to Mi’kmaq culture.</p> <p>Mr. Sweezey gave ample recognition to his team; Ms. Melissa Dedam, Subject Coordinator, Ms. Rachel Bell, Lead, Ms. Patricia Miller, Lead, and Ms. Lori Gillham, Jordan’s Principal First Nation Support, for all their hard work. The floor was open for DEC members to question Mr. Sweezey before he concluded his presentation.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen thanked Mr. Sweezey for his time and all that his team does for our district.</p>

<p><b>E.</b></p>	<p><b>PRESENTATION: Dr. Tiffany Bastin, Assistant Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development Engagement Session for the 2025-2026 Education Plan</b></p> <p>Dr. Bastin joined the meeting for an engagement session with the intent to obtain feedback from DEC members on the upcoming Provincial Education Plan.</p> <p>DEC members were asked three questions regarding realistic targets for literacy and numeracy outcomes, what a thriving education system embodies, and what smaller adjustments could be made to positively impact schools soon.</p> <p>Member provided lots of feedback which was recorded and will be complied with the responses from other districts and will be considered prior to the release of the education plan in spring 2026.</p> <p>Dr. Bastin concluded by thanking the council members for their time and input and wished everyone a great evening.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen thanked Dr. Bastin for her time and said that he was pleased she attended the meeting.</p>
	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Andy Flanagan and seconded by Ed Gilchrist to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2025, meeting. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<p><b>F.</b></p>	<p><b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><b>G.</b></p>	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</b></p> <p><b>Policy Monitoring</b> (i) GP 1,2,3,4,5,7, GP 11 – Meeting Review Form</p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Andy Flanagan and seconded by Sheila Rogers to approve the Consent Agenda Items. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<p><b>G.</b></p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>(a) Response letter dated October 6, 2025, from Hon. Claire Johnson, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, regarding the review of existing plans for the new K-8 school being built in Campbellton. There will be no changes to the existing plans to increase capacity.</p>

	<p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Andy Flanagan and seconded by Ed Gilchrist to move this letter to file. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>H.</b>	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>I.</b>	<p><b>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Petersen attended the Council of DEC Chairs meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>. After some discussion it was decided that the next Minister's Forum will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, in Saint John. Other topics were discussed but not tabled.</li> <li>• Mr. Petersen received an invitation to the October 21<sup>st</sup> sitting in the legislature, Mr. Petersen initially accepted but had to decline due to a business appointment arising.</li> <li>• None of Mr. Petersen's schools have scheduled PSSC meetings to date.</li> </ul>
<b>J.</b>	<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</b></p> <p><b>September and October Starfish Award Recipients:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Transportation Department</li> <li>-Lisa Pelletier, Vice-Principal at LER</li> <li>-Adam Hayward, Teacher – DLMS</li> <li>-MacKenzie Sipes, EA- RES</li> <li>-Vanessa Abernathy, SPR – BHS</li> <li>-Sheila Losier, Teacher – BHS</li> <li>-Tina Duguay, EA- BHS</li> <li>-Patti-Jo Corimer, EA- SMS</li> <li>-Debbie Jardine, EA- NSEE</li> <li>-Lindsay Warren, Acting VP, RES</li> <li>-Shayna Gagnon, EA – PHES</li> <li>-Layne Wallace, Teacher – DLMS</li> <li>-Kelly Jones, Teacher – MVHS</li> <li>-Vivian Hickey, Custodian – JRS</li> <li>-Student Starfish Awards-</li> <li>-Alice Cho- MVHS</li> <li>-Chris Matheson-MVHS</li> <li>-Tyler Dawson- JMH</li> <li>-Evan Shaddick- MAA</li> <li>-Amanda Martin- MVHS</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindergarten registrations have been completed. We currently have 187 students entering kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provincial Assessment results are in. This information will be reviewed during the November DEC meeting.</li> <li>• The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter budget update is predicting a deficit however this is normal for this time of year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will give us a better picture. The deficit is due to additional educational assistance throughout the district.</li> <li>• We continue to offer our staff the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to support a variety of resources. Again, the district is offering the GET FIT program to support employee physical wellness. Now, we are introducing Enriched Academy, this will be a financial literacy program to support employee financial wellbeing. More information will be available next month.</li> </ul>
<b>K.</b>	<p><b>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</b></p> <p>Sheila Rogers' report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Premier's Council on Disabilities met online September 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> .</li> <li>• The Council of DEC Chairs meeting was held on October 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• October 21<sup>st</sup>, there is an online discussion about Policy 322- Inclusion, Ms. Rogers will be taking part in that.</li> <li>• Two PSSC meetings coming up- Janeville Elementary School on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Parkwood Heights Elementary School on November 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Ms. Rogers received feedback regarding the professional learning days for school staff, positive reviews and staff love it.</li> <li>• Bathurst High School has ten students who received acceptance letters to the University of New Brunswick. The BHS Rotary Interact students delivered homemade tomato chow to residents of Bayview Manner. The tomatoes were grown in the rotary garden, and the chow was made by students in the Culinary Arts class.</li> <li>• Terry Fox Elementary School is hosting a soccer jamboree for the three elementary schools. Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Cross-Country meet, and Saturday is the Hallowe'en Bruhaha.</li> </ul> <p>Andy Flanagan's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No PSSC meetings have been scheduled at his schools to date.</li> </ul> <p>Nancy McBains's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report. Ms. McBain is interested in the new developments for Jordan's Principal that will be discussed in the upcoming meeting that Dr. Bastin mentioned.</li> </ul>

	<p>Carmel Hambrook's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gretna Green School reported a huge crowd showing up for the PSSC meeting.</li> <li>• Max Aitken Academy's PSSC meeting will be held October 22<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>• Curriculum and Assessment meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Ms. Hambrook would like to know if we can schedule training for PSSC members.</li> </ul> <p>Paul Mourant's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mourant had nothing to report.</li> </ul> <p>Ed Gilchrist's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Gilchrist said that Blackville School had their open house for the new outdoor classroom today, October 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Blackville School and NSEE's PSSC meetings are scheduled for the week of October 27<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>Gilbert Cyr's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Cyr reported that his PSSC meetings are just being scheduled.</li> <li>• Mr. Cyr is on the new school playground funding committee.</li> <li>• Mr. Cyr is on the new school naming committee and will email a document outlining the naming process. The committee is hoping to have three names to present to the DEC by January 2026. They will try to involve all surrounding communities.</li> </ul>
L.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will take place on Tuesday, November 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., via Teams.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by Alexis McAllister*

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