

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
February 25, 2026
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

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

Regrets: Ed Gilchrist

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. This was a virtual meeting that was live-streamed to the public. 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 Paul Mourant that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION: Ms. Jacqueline Pitrie, Principal, King Street Elementary School</p> <p>Ms. Pitrie introduced herself to the group as the Principal of King Street Elementary School. The school currently has 450 students, 23 homerooms, and one complex case (with their own teacher). There is a total of 42 teachers, 30 educational assistants, 4.5 custodians, one librarian, one intervention mentor, and 1.5 school administrative assistants</p> <p>The school has 71 newcomer students, positively impacting school diversity. To work with and enhance the cultural diversity, the school is focusing on community</p>

	<p>connections. In the Fall, the school held a Fall Fair for students and parents that included fun activities and a BBQ, on top of making lots of connections, it ended up being a nice little school fundraiser.</p> <p>Other events included a Family Trivia Night, and then an evening where children could be dropped off for the evening and parents could enjoy a couple of hours for a date night or some time for themselves. They had approximately 200 kids show up.</p> <p>Ms. Pitrie spoke about a production at the high school involving grade 5 students. This is a blacklight theatre production as part of the curriculum enrichment and music program.</p> <p>King Street Elementary School is a Positive Behaviour Intervention School, in the second year of implementation. They school is also in year two of making sure all students have at least 30 minutes of physical education every day.</p> <p>The school has a robotics club, coding club, stop motion animation club, international culture club, drama choir, intramurals, and extracurriculars. The school's music teacher has made her music room available a couple of times of week for support staff to use with students who have complex needs.</p> <p>Ms. Pitrie also mentioned that KSES is a PILOT School. The extra PL days are well received among staff. Mr. Mutch mentioned that discussion during the recent Minister's Forum included the possibility of the PILOT School Program being extended to a 2nd year. Mr. Cyr made clear his opinion that should a second year be approved, that other schools should be given the opportunity to participate in the program instead of continuing into year two with schools currently doing the PILOT. Mr. Cyr stated that it would be detrimental to those not given the equal opportunity.</p> <p>Ms. Petrie finished her presentation with mention of the upcoming changes between King Street Elementary and Napan Elementary School. She is excited to see the changes being made and plan as they come together.</p> <p>Mr. Cyr thanked Ms. Pitrie for her great presentation and for her work. Mr. Petersen thanked her as well before she signed off.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the minutes of the January 19, 2026, meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>No New Business arising from minutes.</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 4 – In compliance</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Gilbert Cyr that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>District Education Council Representative- Ms. Nancy McBain submitted her resignation- effective immediately.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Paul Mourant that Nancy McBain’s resignation be accepted. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Ms. McAllister will send Ms. McBain a formal letter acknowledging her resignation on behalf of the District Education Council.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Celebrate the Spirit Awards</p> <p>Ms. McAllister asked council members if they wish to carry on the annual tradition of the Celebrate the Spirit Awards. All members agreed. An email will be sent out to Principals in the next week requesting nominations.</p>
I.	<p>CHAIR’S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen attended two PSSC meetings for his schools. • On February 18th, Mr. Petersen attended the Minister’s Forum in Moncton, along with vice-chair, Ms. Rogers, and Superintendent, Mr. Mutch. The forum’s agenda included an education plan update from Assistant Deputy Minister of Education, Dr. Tiffany Bastin. Dr. Bastin also provided a snapshot of student learning and achievement data. She also discussed Fredericton hosting the 2026 ARC Summit in October. Dr. Bastin and the Minister of Education, Hon. Claire Johnson, answered several questions regarding governance and collaborative student learning supports. <p>Mr. Mutch, Superintendent, delivered an excellent presentation on initiatives in ASD-N including our ICE Center and Project Napkin.</p>
J.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mutch announced the following Starfish Award recipients: <u>Student Starfish Award Recipients</u>

	<p>Vaden Sheasgreen – Student at NSER, nominated by Roberta Manderville Duffy, BIM, NSER</p> <p><u>Staff Starfish Award Recipients</u> Patrick Hiemstra- EA, RES- nominated by Tabetha MacDonald, BIM Phil Carleton- BIM, BHS- nominated by Vanessa Abernathy, EST-R Mike McCallum – Teacher, NES- nominated by Barb Brown, Principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Appreciation Week was celebrated from February 9th -13th . Each school and education center celebrated their staff in various ways. • Mr. Mutch shared that our Human Resources Dept. continues to train and prepare for the incoming Fusion program. • The Budget and Accounting Dept. is preparing for year end. Mr. Mutch will have a budget update at the March meeting. • Mr. Mutch was pleased to announce that Ms. Angela Murphy will be the new principal at NSER. Vice-Principal interviews will be underway soon. • Staffing is set to begin in April.
K.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p><u>Sheila Rogers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rogers did not attend the PSSC meeting at PHES due to a scheduling conflict on February 10th, she did send her report to the meeting. • The Council of DEC Chairs met virtually on February 10th. They discussed the Minister's Forum. • Ms. Rogers attended the Minister's Forum in Moncton on February 18th. Ms. Rogers enjoyed the forum, especially Mr. Mutch's presentation. • March 10th is the next Council of DEC Chairs meeting • March 12th is the next scheduled Inclusion Steering committee meeting in Fredericton. Ms. Rogers plans on attending but will miss the TFES PSSC meeting. <p><u>Gilbert Cyr</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cyr attended all scheduled PSSCs. There is still lots of talk surrounding the new school building. • Mr. Cyr is on the fundraising committee for the new school playground. They are trying to reach a goal of \$500,000.

- Mr. Cyr will miss the March 16th DEC meeting.
- Mr. Cyr also asked Mr. Mutch about feedback from the MLAs in schools initiative. Mr. Mutch responded that it has been all positive feedback across the province, it was also eye opening to some MLAs to witness the modern-day classroom and the inclusion of all students.

Andy Flanagan

- Mr. Flanagan has been approached for information and fielded questions regarding the change and set up with Napan Elementary School and King Street Elementary School. Nothing else to report.

Carmel Hambrook

- Ms. Hambrook has a PSSC meeting at MAA in March (schedule says April 22nd).
- Ms. Hambrook missed the last Gretna Green School PSSC, but she did attend the MVHS PSSC meeting virtually this month. The MVHS student representative reported that the school had a sold-out play, special Valentine's Day activities. They were also hosting a wellness breakfast for staff and students this last week before March Break. The school is also doing fundraisers for the recently purchased bus to transport students to sports and other school events.

Paul Mourant

- Mr. Mourant attended the PSSC meeting at EWG. Finally, the school will be getting their own security system. Installation will begin over March break. Mr. Mourant thanked Mr. Mutch for pushing this forward.
- Mr. Mourant also attended the PSSC meeting for RES, everything was fine.
- Mr. Mourant also participated in a district appeal this past month.

Ed Gilchrist (submitted his report pre-meeting)

- Mr. Gilchrist attended the PPSC meetings for Blackville School and Millerton School in the past month. Both schools reviewed their School Improvement Plans with Blackville starting in year one and Millerton continuing with their existing plan while the interim principal is there.
- NSER's PSSC meeting was recently held, but Mr. Gilchrist was unable to attend, minutes reported that the school is continuing with year two of their

	School Improvement Plan. It was also announced that Mr. Cripps will be retiring at the end of the current school year.
L.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held virtually on March 16th, 2026. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

Alexis McAllister
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