

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
March 16, 2026
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice Chair
Carmel Hambrook
Ed Gilchrest
Paul Mourant
Dean Mutch, Superintendent
Alexis McAllister, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Andy Flanagan
Gilbert Cyr

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Petersen called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:40 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 Ed Gilchrist and seconded by Paul Mourant that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Paul Mourant that the minutes of the February 25, 2026, 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 Paul Maurant and seconded by Ed Gilchrist that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
F.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>None.</p>
G.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Prior to the meeting Mr. Mutch sent his draft Succession Plan for DEC members to review. After speaking with other Superintendent's, specifically his Francophone counterparts, and seeing the plans they have implemented for their replacements, Mr. Mutch would like to have a policy or guideline for his own successor. A motion will be made at April meeting.</p>
H.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister's Excellence in Education Awards will be held June 6th, 2026 in Fredericton. Nominations have been received by the DEC Chairperson, Mr. Petersen, and will be reviewed and submitted to EECD on March 17th. • June 21st -22nd is confirmed for the DEC Retreat at Bonaventure Lodge in Charlo, NB. • Retirement banquets are scheduled for June 8th and 10th, in Bathurst and Miramichi. • New staffing update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Millerton School – Tim Grattan, Principal - NSER High School – Angela Murphy, Principal - New Campbellton K-8 school – Norma Court, Vice-Principal • Mr. Mutch let the council know that the district is looking at the Capital Projects List and Policy 409 for review in April's meeting. • There are two conferences coming up in April – ULead and CAPSLE. Six ASD-N Principals will be attending ULead in Banff, Apple Canada is helping with travel expenses for this conference. Mr. Mutch and the Director of Human Resources will be attending CAPSLE (Canadian Association of Practical Studies in Legal Education). • In an effort to streamline our current system for district lead positions, Mr. Mutch will be posting these positions every 2 years. These positions will be going out in the next few weeks. • The District Budget year end is March 31st. An update will be presented to the council in April.

I. DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTSCarmel Hambrook

- Ms. Hambrook has PSSC meetings for her schools coming up in the next couple of weeks.
- Ms. Hambrook will begin the process of filing paperwork to run in the upcoming election, the deadline to file is March 22, 2026.

Sheila Rogers

- Ms. Rogers attended the March 10th Council of DEC Chairs meeting. The meeting was held online due to weather. The next CDC meeting is scheduled for April 21st.
- The March 11th PSSC meeting at Terry Fox Elementary School was cancelled due to weather.
- Ms. Rogers attended the Inclusion Steering Committee meeting on March 12th. They discussed career life plan, the new graduation requirement - Policy 316B, which is planning to support learners as they go through high school so that when they graduate, they are aware of options. There are some career transition coaches in schools. Ms. Kim Koroktov gave a presentation on long-term recommendation update, especially regarding classroom composition, they look at it as a diverse make up of learners. They also discussed the PLP updates, and reviewed chronic absenteeism documents. Next meeting will be June 9th in Fredericton, they will discuss middle level learners.
- The Premier's Council on Disabilities will be meeting on April 10th-11th, in Fredericton, Ms. Rogers plans on attending.

Ed Gilchrist

- Mr. Gilchrist attended the public meeting at Millerton School to discuss the Government's recent comments on school closures. Mr. Gilchrist said the meeting went well and calmed everyone's concerns about a potential closure.
- Mr. Gilchrist has an upcoming PSSC meeting at Blackville School next week.

Paul Mourant

- Mr. Mourant has an upcoming PSSC meeting next week but will not be able to attend as he will be away.
- Mr. Mourant was not notified or aware that the Minister of Education was coming to Bonar Law Memorial High School on March 30th to announce the school's midlife upgrade. He will not be attending the announcement as he already has scheduled commitments.

J.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 2nd, Mr. Petersen attended the virtual meeting to plan the agenda for the ARC Summit being held in Fredericton this coming October 14-17th. • Mr. Petersen attended a virtual meeting Council of DEC Chairs meeting, on March 10th. DEC Manager, Mr. Roland Collette, is helping to develop a new Superintendent evaluation process for councils to use. • March 31st is the next Executive Steering committee meeting.
K.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held in person at Parkwood Heights Elementary School on Monday, April 13, 2026.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

Alexis McAllister
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC