

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
April 13, 2026
Parkwood Heights Elementary School**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice Chair
Gilbert Cyr
Ed Gilchrest
Paul Maurant
Dean Mutch, Superintendent
Alexis McAllister, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Andy Flanagan
Carmel Hambrook

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Petersen called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:29 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 Sheila Rogers and seconded by Ed Gilchrist that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION: Daniel Doucet, Principal, Parkwood Heights Elementary School</p> <p>Mr. Doucet gave a brief presentation about Parkwood Heights Elementary School. The school is approximately 44 years old and currently has 310 students. Parkwood Heights Elementary School is a PBIS school, going into their 3rd year of the program. The school's mascots, Blizzard and Hoot, play a role in the positive reinforcement incentive program.</p> <p>As a PBIS school, they wanted to revamp their vision to reflect their new direction - Proud Learners, Honest Choices , Engaged Minds, Safe Hearts (PHES).</p>

	<p>Mr. Doucet was excited to show the two renovated areas of the school, the old resource room has been retro fitted to serve as an area for students to decompress, and the old library updated to a learning common which was renovated with the help of funds raised by the Home and School Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen thanked Mr. Doucet for his time and for all the hard work he and his staff put into Parkwood Heights Elementary School.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Paul Mourant and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the minutes of the March 16, 2026, meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>(a) Prior to the March meeting Mr. Mutch sent his draft Succession Plan for DEC members to review and then a motion to be made at this current meeting. However, it seems we forgot about the review in March and will review the draft plan again and make a motion in the May meeting.</p>
F.	<p>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>Policy Monitoring</p> <p>(i) GP 1,2,3,5, 7 & 8– Meeting Review Form</p> <p>(ii) E-2 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Ed Gilchrist and seconded by Paul Mourant that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>None.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>a) With the resignation of our First Nations Representative, the members would like to send a letter to all First Nation communities in our district requesting they send in a selection of people who may be interested in the position. Ms. McAllister will do up a draft letter and send it to council members for approval before sending the letter out.</p> <p>b) For the Superintendent’s evaluation, Mr. Petersen is waiting for the DEC Manager, Mr. Collette, to complete the updated evaluation form before undertaking Mr. Mutch’s annual review.</p> <p>c) Succession planning update has been moved to Business Arising from Minutes.</p>

I.	<p>CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen and Ms. Rogers met with Superintendent, Mr. Mutch on March 17th to review the nominees and make selections for the Minister's Excellence in Education Awards. • On March 31st, Mr. Petersen attended the Executive Steering Committee virtually on account of bad weather. • The PSSC for Dalhousie Regional High School is meeting on April 14th. • There is a Council of DEC Chairs meeting in Fredericton on April 21st.
J.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p><u>Sheila Rogers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rogers attended the Premier's Council on Disability in Fredericton on April 10-11th. Presentations were given by Mr. Conrad Saulis, of the Wabanaki Council on Disability, and UNB's School of Leadership Studies (formally Renaissance College). They also reviewed the Education Plan and the Disability Action Plan. The next meeting will be June 19-20th. • The Inclusion Steering Committee will be meeting June 9th in Fredericton. • The Council of DEC Chairs' next meeting is scheduled for April 21st, 2026. • Parkwood Heights Elementary School has a PSSC meeting scheduled for April 14th. • Janeville Elementary School's next PSSC meeting is scheduled for May 4th. • The next PSSC meeting for Terry Fox Elementary School is scheduled for April 23rd. • Bathurst High School students are performing "Mean Girls" from April 23rd - 25th. • Plant Youth Chaleur has partnered with students from the BHS Marketing class to bring youth data to life. The group is creating a survey on substance abuse and well-being. They have made advertisements to highlight what stood out to them and to show how Planet Youth can respond. <p><u>Gilbert Cyr</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cyr said his community is still buzzing about the new school build in Campbellton. People are happy and the consensus for the school's name is mostly positive, negative chatter after the announcement subsided. • Mr. Cyr is part of the fundraising committee for the playground of the new school. Their goal is to raise \$500,000. • Mr. Cyr thanked Mr. Mutch and the district for quickly selecting the new school Principal, so they can help organize and be involved in functions ramping up to the school's opening. • Mr. Cyr was happy to run again and have a seat on the District Education Council. Mr. Cyr is now focused on the following three goals: The continued modernization of the Alternative Learning Sites, the continued improvement of relations between the district and First Nations Communities, and to promote equality for Professional Learning among all schools, this includes

	<p>the expansion of the PILOT program to more schools in the northern part of the district. In response to Mr. Cyr's call for equality, Mr. Mutch indicated the Assistant Deputy Minister and Deputy Minister have a meeting with Data New Brunswick to see the results from the surveys being completed at the current PILOT schools. This will help determine where the program is going. These results will then be shared with the Superintendents.</p> <p><u>Paul Mourant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mourant received an invitation to attend EECD's public announcement of the Bonar Law Memorial School's mid-life upgrade in the amount of \$31 million. Mr. Mourant only received the invitation three days before the event and could not attend due to a conflict in his schedule. • Rexton Elementary School's PSSC meeting is April 15th, Mr. Mourant plans on attending. <p><u>Ed Gilchrist</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gilchrist has two PSSC meetings cancelled, Blackville School and NSER, he is waiting to be notified of the rescheduled dates.
K.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held in person at Eleanor W. Graham Middle School on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC