

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
May 25, 2026
Office of the Superintendent**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice Chair
Gilbert Cyr
Ed Gilchrest
Paul Mourant
Andy Flanagan
Carmel Hambrook
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 6:00 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 Waye, Project Lead- Alternative Education & Behaviour Systems, Alternative Education Sites Update</p> <p>In September 2025 Mr. Waye was designated by Superintendent Mutch to overhaul the operations of the existing alternative learning sites in ASD-N. For his presentation Mr. Waye described his jumping off point for this project, which included looking into the history of alternative learning and any guiding documents published by the province of New Brunswick in the last 30 years.</p> <p>Mr. Waye described the review of the existing six alternative learning sites and how they are all operating differently. The plan he has developed is to have a consistent system in place, so that all sites are operating similarly. This will include the</p>

	<p>following: formal approval required before admission to an alternative learning site, accountable school-based ESS Teams, and Personalized Learning Plans in all high schools.</p> <p>Curriculum will be delivered with the help of two distinct roles: The site teacher and the virtual teacher. Course material will be accessible online to ensure consistency across all sites. There will also be targeted professional development for all Alternative Learning Site staff, and there will be equal access to school program for all students.</p> <p>Mr. Waye explained that this is really his jumping off point and that there is still more to come, he will be back with an update at our December DEC meeting. After answering some questions from council members, Mr. Waye wrapped up his presentation with thanks from Mr. Petersen and Mr. Mutch.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Ed Gilchrist that the minutes of the April 13, 2026, meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>(a) PILOT Program Update Mr. Mutch reported that the PILOT program will remain for a second year at schools already in the program, it will not be expanded. Mr. Mutch and Mr. Petersen have drafted a letter and will send it to the Minister's office requesting that Anglophone North School District be allowed to expand the PILOT program to all 28 schools, with the approval of the council.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the letter to expand the PILOT program to be finalized and sent to Honorable Claire Johnson, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development's office. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>(b) First Nations DEC Representative To help the DEC find a replacement for our previous First Nations Representative, Ms. Nancy McBain, Ms. McAllister drafted a letter addressed to ASD-N First Nation Communities requesting nominations. This letter was sent out prior to the meeting for council members to review.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Ed Gilchrist and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the letter seeking nominations for a First Nations Representative for the Anglophone North School District's Education Council be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>

F.	<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) EL-6, EL – 10, & EL – 10a – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes (iii) GP-9 – In-Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>a) Invitation to CMS LBS Campbellton Middle School and Lord Beaverbrook School invited members of the DEC to attend their school closing celebration on June 3rd, 2026. Both schools will be closing at the end of this school year with the opening of the new K-8 Restigouche River School.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>a) Celebrate the Spirit Awards</p> <p>DEC members reviewed and approved the four nominees for Celebrate the Spirit Awards. These awards will be sent to the schools who made the nominations.</p> <p>b) Capital Projects and Policy 409 Review</p> <p>Mr. Colin Brewster, Director of Finance and Administration, reviewed with the council members the list of Capital Projects for ASD-N. Mr. Brewster needed a motion to approve this list before submitting the list to EECD.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Paul Mourant and seconded by Ed Gilchrist that the seven improvement items on the Capital Projects list be approved but let it be added that the upgrading to the Miramichi Valley High School pool area includes the development of office spaces. MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>Mr. Brewster also reviewed the list of 10 ASD-N schools currently identified as falling under the provincial policy 409. After discussion it was decided that council members feel a sustainability study is not required for any of the schools listed. A motion must be made for Mr. Brewster to report back to EECD.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Paul Mourant that a sustainability study is NOT needed for any of the 10 schools on the provincial list identified by EECD. MOTION CARRIED</p>

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Petersen attended the PSSC meeting at Jacquet River School. Students are travelling to Quebec City for a school trip with students from Dalhousie Regional High School. He feels it is a great way for kids to get to know the classmates they will be attending school with in the Fall.
- There was an AI Conference held at the Wu Center in Fredericton. Mr. Petersen found the conference very informative but also daunting when considering the potential of AI on the future of education.
- Friday, May 22nd, Mr. Petersen and his wife, Helen, attended the NBTA annual awards gala. It was another opportunity for him to hear amazing things about our educators.
- Mr. Petersen plans on attending the Executive Steering Committee meeting in Fredericton on May 29th.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Mutch shared the following important dates:
 - June 6, 2026 – Minister's Excellence Awards, Fredericton
 - June 8, 2026- Retirement Banquet for Bathurst, Atlantic Host, Bathurst
 - June 10, 2026- Retirement Banquet for Miramichi, Rodd River, Miramichi
 - June 21-22, 2026 – DEC Retreat- Bonaventure Lodge, Charlo

School	Graduation	Prom
DRHS	June 17 – 6pm	June 19 – 6 pm
SSHS	June 18 – 6pm	June 19 – 6pm
JMH	June 16- 7pm	June 12
Blackville	June 18 – 7pm	June 13
NSER	June 18 – 7:30pm	June 11- 8:30pm
BHS	June 18- 3pm	June 18 – 8:30pm
BLMS	June 20 – 10am	June 16 – 7pm
MVHS	June 17 -7pm	June 15

- The following are recent recipients of Starfish Awards:
 - Patrice Lanteigne, Teacher- Nominated by Donna Webb, Teacher, SSHS
 - Paul Daley, Teacher – nominated by Troy Cabel, Acting-Principal, DLMS
 - Jonathan Fortune, Teacher - nominated by Julie Sisk and Theresa Main, EAs, PHES
 - Mandy Patey, BIM- nominated by Geraldine Goodwin, EA, EWG
 - Angela Murphy, VP - nominated by Paige Matchett, Teacher – NSER
 - Sophie Theriault, BIM - nominated by Lisa Anderson, Teacher- DRHS
 - Janelle LeBlanc, EST-R – nominated by Shaun Fletcher, Principal EWG
 - The Data Dogs, TFES - nominated by Krista Cabel, DCI
 - Bev Kinsmen, EA – nominated by Carol Peters, EA BHS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Grace Baker, Teacher – nominated Rebecca Matte Teacher DLMS – Mae Cameron, Lead- nominated by Craig Caldwell, Director of Schools – Eugene Manuel, Custodian I – nominated by Tara Foran, ESS-Resource, GG – Roberta Duffy, BIM – nominated by Blake Lynch, Supply Teacher, NSER – Kelly Mullin, ESS-R – nominated by Dodie MacCallum, EA DLMS – Shelley Jardine, EA – nominated by Dodie MacCallum, EA DLMS – Melanie Arsenault, BIM – nominated by Kyra Craswell, EA LER – Sabrina Phinney, FN Support Staff – nominated by Adonica Scarling, Teacher, EWG – Student Starfish Awards- – William Mullin- NSER- nominated by Paige Matchett, Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mutch reported the following for his staffing update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ASD-N has been approved for 691 Full Time Educations, 2025-2026 saw the lower number of 683 FTE. – The new Vice-Principal at Dr. Losier Middle School is Kelly Mullin – The new Principal at Dr. Losier Middle School is Candace MacRae – The new Principal at Janeville Elementary School is Penny Roy – Interviews are being held next week for the new Vice Principal at James M. Hill Memorial High School and the Principal of Gretna Green School. • Mr. Mutch reported that we currently have 61 retiring employees (all staff). • The career fair recently held in Newfoundland was a success, signing a few new teachers.
J.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p><u>Sheila Rogers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rogers attended the PSSC meeting for Terry Fox Elementary School on April 23rd. They reviewed PL activities and the program developed for all English prime grade 3-5 students. These students receive at least 20 minutes of small group literacy instruction, daily, focusing on their specific readiness levels. Data is then analyzed and students are regrouped each week. This would not be possible without the collaboration time offered through PILOT Program days. The TFES Home and School Committee received a \$5000 donation to the playground fundraiser from Toyota. • Ms. Rogers attended the May 5th PSSC meeting at Bathurst High School. The carpentry class completed the first of three buildings; this one will go to the Nicolas Denys Volunteer Fire Department. The school's drama production attended the Provincial Drama Festival where they won: Outstanding Production, Outstanding Ensemble for Cast as a Whole, and Outstanding Actors and Directors. The PSSC provided Ms. Rogers with an outline of monthly activities and a description of the PL days this year; their content, purpose and results. Principal MacDonald stated "PILOT days are not an optional enhancement; they are a critical structure that enables

schools to function more effectively and response to student's needs with precision. Removing or reducing them would significantly limit our ability to collaborate, innovate, and support student success. Quite simply, we can accomplish more, support student better and build a stronger school because of these days" Ms. Rogers also spoke with an educational assistant, who found the training during PL days very beneficial, especially Crisis Intervention and Computer Work Group.

- May 25th is the PSSC Appreciation Dinner at Gowan Brae for all five of Ms. Rogers' schools.
- June 2nd Ms. Rogers has a CDC Meeting online.
- June 9th is the Inclusion Steering Committee Meeting in Fredericton.

Gilbert Cyr

- Mr. Cyr attended his last PSSC meeting for Lord Beaverbrook School and Campbellton Middle School, before they close for the new Restigouche River School.
- Mr. Cyr has been lobbying locally for the community to take over the gym at the Campbellton Middle School, as it is widely used in the community for non-school related events.
- Mr. Cyr was excited to share the Royal Bank (RBC) has donated generously to the Restigouche River School playground the amount of \$250,000.

Paul Mourant

- Mr. Mourant met with the Principal at Eleanor W. Graham Middle School, Mr. Fletcher, to see the newly installed 40 plus cameras at the school. The dishwasher in the cafeteria is broken and has not been fixed, by the school's owner.
- There is a scheduled meeting at Bonar Law Memorial School to discuss the specs of the retrofit, Mr. Mourant noted that the last meeting was not good and the whole concept has changed. Mr. Mourant and other stakeholders were not happy with these changes and need to discuss with the local MLAs.

Carmel Hambrook

- Ms. Hambrook reported that the addition of the Tabusintac Community School was scheduled to start in April.
- On May 9th, Ms. Hambrook attended the last PSSC meeting at Gretna Green School with the outgoing Principal, Mr. Comeau. Mr. Comeau also shared that three employees are retiring from his school as well.
- Ms. Hambrook could not attend the last PSSC meeting at Miramichi Valley High School.
- Last week, Ms. Hambrook and Ms. Cabel, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, attended the Provincial Curriculum and Assessment meeting. Discussed was digital literacy framework, grade 9 consultation, Policy 316 update, how to access Sharepoint for materials, math improvement update,

	<p>SLIFE update, and Wabanaki education framework. The next meeting will be in the Fall.</p> <p><u>Andy Flanagan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Flanagan shared that James M. Hill Memorial High School's graduation is June 16th at 7 pm. • Mr. Flanagan will be attending the PSSC Appreciation dinners for his subdistrict. <p><u>Ed Gilchrist</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gilchrist is planning on attending the upcoming PSSC Appreciation dinners with his schools.
K.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held in person at Bonaventure Lodge in Charlo, on Monday, June 22, 2026.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:48 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