

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES  
November 20, 2023  
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: Nancy McBain

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
<b>A.</b>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p>Mr. Petersen called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:36 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>B.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Gilbert Cyr and seconded by Paul Mourant that the agenda be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>C.</b>	<p><b>PRESENTATION      Ms. Ellen Lee, Principal Janeville Elementary School</b></p> <p>Ms. Lee joined the meeting to give a short presentation about Janeville Elementary School. Ms. Lee spoke to many activities and programs currently going on at the school, that included outdoor education, iPad projects and community connection. Ms. Lee described that within the school it is important for everyone to care for one another, acknowledge that it is hard to be brave, but they do it anyway, and that they are a small school with a huge impact.</p>

	<p>Janeville Elementary School has one of the best outdoor classrooms in the district, which they are very proud of.</p> <p>Another highlight was that how the students began connecting with the seniors at the local senior's complex that began during the pandemic and that bond that the students and residents continue to share.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen thanked Ms. Lee for her time and her presentation.</p>
D.	<p><b>PRESENTATION Ms. Gail Craswell, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, District Education Plan</b></p> <p>Ms. Craswell presented to the DEC members an update on the existing District Education Plan. This plan was developed to be implemented over 3 years, beginning in 2022. We are currently into year two of the plan. Key areas of the plan include: First Nations Education and Social Studies, Literacy and French Immersion Literacy, Science, Numeracy, Technology, Innovation, and Experiential Learning, and Attendance.</p> <p>For First Nations Education 84.8% of grades 4-5 students and 80.1% of grades 6-12 students reported learning about First Nations traditions, culture, and knowledge in their classroom from 2021-2022.</p> <p>For Grade 2 FI Literacy- 46% off grade 2 FI students scored appropriate or above on the end of year complexity benchmarks.</p> <p>Grade 4 Literacy – 59.7% of grade 4 students scored appropriate or above on grade 4 Provincial Reading Assessment in June 2022.</p> <p>The present level of performance is 68.8% of grade 6 students scored appropriate or above on the grade 6 Provincial Reading Assessment in June 2022.</p> <p>Present level of performance of 75.3% of ASD-N students achieved appropriate or above on the grade 4 Scientific Literacy Assessment.</p> <p>Present level of performance: 63.7% of ASD-N students achieved appropriate or above on the grade 6 Provincial Scientific Literacy Assessment.</p> <p>The present level of performance for grades 4-12 has been established in June 2023. The target was a performance of 50%, the result was 64%.</p> <p>Present level of performance for grade 2 Numeracy: 70% of grade 2 students achieved a 3 or above on the numbers strand of June 2022 Report Cards.</p> <p>Present level of performance for grade 5 Numeracy; 46.5% of grade 5 students scored appropriate of above on the grade 5 Provincial Numeracy Assessment in June 2023.</p>

	<p>Grade 7 Numeracy- 49.7% is the present level of performance for grade 7 students who scored an appropriate of above on the grade 7 Provincial Numeracy Assessment in June 2023.</p> <p>Present level performance in Technology, Innovation, Experiential Learning is 53.1% for grades 6-12 students reporting learning at least one thing that made them want to know more in the past two weeks.</p> <p>For Attendance, the District's goal is to reduce chronic absenteeism and the absenteeism rate by 10%.</p> <p>Ms. Craswell also summarized actions, previous outcomes, and measures to help achieve the new targets set for 2024.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen thanked Ms. Craswell for her time and informative presentation.</p>
<b>E.</b>	<p><b>PRESENTATION Ms. Kim Cripps, Data and Accountability Supervisor, Provincial Assessment Results</b></p> <p>Ms. Cripps provided each DEC member with a copy of the results from the Provincial Assessments. This spreadsheet contained a detailed comparison of ASD-N results to the overall results for the whole province. The 2022-2023 Provincial Assessments tested science, reading and numeracy at grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in both French Immersion and English Prime. ASD-N showed percentages that were comparable or higher in 11 of the 15 levels tested.</p> <p>The spreadsheet also contained comparisons from previous years assessment results. Some were able to date back to 2014-2015 to 2022-2023.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen thanked Ms. Cripps for her detailed presentation.</p>
<b>F.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Paul Mourant and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the minutes of the October 16, 2023, meeting be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>G.</b>	<p><b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Sheila Rogers that Regulation 302 – K-12 Attendance Policy be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>H.</b>	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</b></p> <p><b>Policy Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) GP 1,2,3,4,5,7 – Meeting Review Form</li> <li>(ii) C/SR 4 – Meeting Review Form</li> <li>(iii) EL 1,7 – Meeting Review Form</li> <li>(iv) E-5, EL-4 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes</li> </ul>

	<p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Gilbert Cyr and seconded by Paul Mourant that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
I.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>There were no correspondence items.</p>
J.	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>(a) Appointment of Chairperson for the Superintendent’s Evaluation Committee</b></p> <p>Paul Mourant is the outgoing Chairperson for 2022-2023. Gilbert Cyr volunteered to act as Chairperson for the 2023-2024 Superintendent’s Evaluation Committee. Council members will complete the “Superintendent’s Annual Performance Review” form and return it to Mr. Cyr by February 23, 2024.</p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY Paul Mourant</b> and seconded by Andy Flanagan that Gilbert Cyr is the Chairperson for the Superintendent’s Evaluation Committee for 2023-2024. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p> <p><b>(b) Christmas Card and Poinsettias</b></p> <p>All Members present agreed that Christmas cards and poinsettias will be distributed to schools as Christmas Greetings.</p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Sheila Rogers and seconded by Paul Mourant. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
K.	<p><b>CHAIR’S COMMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Petersen attended the Minister’s Forum on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The scrapping of Bill 46 was discussed. A new DEC Manager will be hired, interviews will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Mr. Petersen attended the DEC Symposium on November 18<sup>th</sup>, hosted by ASD-E.</li> </ul>
L.	<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mutch thanked Ms. Craswell and Ms. Cripps for their informative presentations and their hard work.</li> <li>• Mr. Mutch announced that 250 Innovation Grants had been awarded.</li> <li>• Four new B Contracts have been awarded. Directors of Schools have been tasked with continuing to search and award more B contracts.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The settlement from Microsoft has been received for the pilot school. The funds have been used to cover a new computer lab.</li> <li>• Bus driver training will be taking place on November 24, 2023.</li> <li>• The district is continuing to add supply teachers and casual educational assistants.</li> </ul>
<b>M.</b>	<p><b>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</b></p> <p><u>Sheila Rogers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Rogers attended the Ministers Forum on November 14th. She enjoyed hearing about the Centers for Excellence and the courses available online.</li> <li>• Ms. Rogers said the next scheduled Inclusion Steering Committee meeting in December.</li> <li>• Ms. Rogers attended the PSSC meeting for Terry Fox Elementary School. The Positive Intervention Supports were discussed. They are continuing with the Powerful Play Project, and Moana Junior is new drama production for 2022-2024.</li> <li>• Ms. Rogers attended the PSSC meeting for Bathurst High School on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and the PSSC for Parkwood Heights Elementary School on November 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• The PSSC committee for Superior Middle School consists of all new members. At the meeting the discussion focused on the impact social media is having on students and the potential need to discuss this impact with parents.</li> </ul> <p><u>Andy Flanagan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Flanagan had no updates at this time.</li> </ul> <p><u>Carmel Hambrook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Hambrook attended the PSSC meeting at Max Aitken Academy on October 18<sup>th</sup>, but missed the meeting for Gretna Green School. November 28<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting for Tabusintac Community School.</li> </ul> <p><u>Paul Mourant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the PSSC at Bonar Law Memorial School, met new members and reviewed the School Improvement Plan and discussed the craft fair fundraiser.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harcourt School and Rexton Elementary School have their upcoming PSSC meetings on the same night, Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Mourant plans on attending at least one of them.</li> <li>• Mr. Mourant attended Symposium held in Moncton on November 18<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><u>Gilbert Cyr</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Cyr attended the PSSC at Campbellton Middle School, met the new members.</li> <li>• Mr. Cyr continues to lobby for confirmed date to break ground for the new Campbellton K-8 school. January the tender should be out, ground breaking should be set for April 2024.</li> <li>• Mr. Cyr attended the Symposium held in Moncton on November 18<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Mr. Cyr attended the Remembrance Day ceremony to lay a wreath with his grandson at Campbellton Middle School.</li> </ul>
<b>N.</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held virtually on December 18, 2023.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by Alexis McAllister*

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