



**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
ANGLOPHONE EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1077 ST. GEORGE BOULEVARD, MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK  
BUSINESS MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2020, 6:00 P.M.**

*The meeting of the District Education Council, Anglophone East School District, was held at virtually due to Moncton being in the Orange Covid 19 Restriction Zone.*

**Present:**

DOYLE, Harry  
FOLKINS, Michelle  
LAWSON, Angela  
HEBBLETHWAITE, Ian  
BREWER, Roberta  
MACMULLIN, Roy  
MAWHINNEY, Brenda  
McCONNELL, Norval  
SHORT, Sarah  
KINGSTON, Denise, Council Secretary  
INGERSOLL, Gregg, Superintendent

**Guests:** EMMA LEGER, new Student DEC member (to be sworn in prior to November meeting)  
DALE HUGHES, PSSC Chair, Bessborough School  
JAMES UPHAM, PSSC Chair, Hillcrest School  
DOMINIC CARDY, Minister of Finance and Early Childhood Development  
TONY WEBER, Director, Educational Facilities and Pupil Transportation (Branch), EECD  
AUBREY KIRKPATRICK, Director of Finance and Administration, ASD-E

The Regular Business meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Harry Doyle.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doyle welcomed the guests participating virtually and the public and media viewing the meeting online and introduced the new student DEC member, Emma Leger, Student Council President of Moncton High School.

***Moved by Norval McConnell, seconded by Ian Hebblethwaite to approve the Agenda.***

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion carried.**

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No conflict of interest was declared.

3.0 DECLARATION OF  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

*Moved by Ian Hebblethwaite, seconded by Michelle Folkins to approve the Minutes of September 15, 2020.*

4.0 APPROVAL OF  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020  
MINUTES

**Motion carried.**

There were no public comments as the meeting was a virtual one. The meeting was live streamed on the Anglophone East School District Education Council Facebook page.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

Dominic Cardy, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development gave a brief opening statement and introduced Tony Weber, Director of Educational Facilities and Pupil Transportation, EECD. Mr. Weber gave a Power Point presentation on the site selection process for the New Moncton West End K-8 School. He explained considerations such as land requirements, school size, grade groups, expansion capability, pedagogical considerations, embellishments for different grade groups, green spaces, sports fields as well as traffic flow and safety requirements. The presentation also identified each of the four sites under consideration for the new school and set out the pros and cons of each site. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period which covered topics such as disposition of present school sites once vacated, bussing, access to new school, student safety, traffic, as well as timeline for construction. On the question of whether there was a process for reconsideration of the current site of Bessborough School, Mr. Weber advised that there is no process for this.

6.1 EECD PRESENTATION ON  
SITE SELECTION OF NEW  
MONCTON WEST END  
K-8 SCHOOL

The meeting then adjourned for a break.

*Moved by Ian Hebblethwaite, seconded by Norval McConnell to accept and receive Monitoring Report 4.2 Budget/Financial Condition.*

7.0 OLD BUSINESS  
MONITORING REPORT  
LIMITATIONS POLICY  
4.2 BUDGET/FINANCIAL  
CONDITION

**Motion carried.**

The DEC members received and reviewed the Monitoring Report prior to the meeting. Aubrey Kirkpatrick, Director of Finance and Administration advised that the District is seven months into the present budget and projected a balanced budget at year end. He noted that the Department of Education provided much needed resources with getting the District up and running and covid ready. Mr. Kirkpatrick thanked the budget holders (Principals, Superintendent, Managers) and Guy Richard, Manager of Budgets and Accounting and Lise Richard, Assistant manager of Budgets and Accounting for their diligence. The 2020 Expenditure Plan was presented, and Mr. Kirkpatrick reviewed the major expenditure categories such as regular instruction, pupil transportation, Education Support Services, Student Support Services, Plant and Facilities, Education Centres and Office of the Superintendent.

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It was noted that although funding had been increased for Educational Assistants, there remained a shortfall in funding of Educational Assistants needed. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised that a review of a new funding model for Educational Assistants was to take place but because of COVID-19 this review has been delayed, however there is a commitment to do so.

- Roy MacMullin stated that he has received an email from a Moncton High parent who was concerned that there are no lights or cross walks for walking students to cross the street to get to Moncton High. Aubrey Kirkpatrick advised that he has spoken with staff at the City of Moncton concerning this and they advised that they hadn't heard of this issue but would do a traffic study to determine if a crosswalk or crossing guard was needed in this area.
- Angela Lawson advised that she received an email last night from the PSSC of Maplehurst Middle School expressing concerns over a lack of resources for middle schools to help with covid 19 operations. Also, during the recent Orange phase there was lots of student and teacher absenteeism and the staff are feeling stretched.
- Roberta Brewer has met with the Salisbury Elementary PSSC and there is much concern about repairs and upgrades and in particular the main concern is the need for a chair lift for students with physical limitations. Aubrey Kirkpatrick advised that a lift was number two on the capital projects list which was submitted this month and therefore has a very good chance of being done because of its position on the list. With regard to the other repairs, Mr. Kirkpatrick has been in touch with the Principal on this.
- Norval McConnell shared his frustration with the flaws in the midlife upgrade process in that old schools do not have a chance of getting needed repairs because they fail the assessment and it necessitates the need for a new school.
- Michelle Folkins has reached out to all of her schools. TRHS had a meeting scheduled but it had been cancelled and the other schools have not had a meeting yet.
- Brenda Mawhinney attend a RHS PSSC meeting via Zoom. They expressed much of the same concerns as Maplehurst Middle School concerning lack of resources for covid 19 operations. Teachers are stressed and there is a large amount of absenteeism of students. Teachers are finding it difficult to connect with students. Riverview Middle School and Frank L. Bowser School will be having virtual PSSC meetings in the near future.
- Sarah Short advised that many of her PSSC's have not had meetings yet. BMHS has had a meeting however she had a conflict and was unable to attend. She will review their minutes when posted. She agreed with Norval that the Midlife Upgrade process needs to be looked at.

8.0 DEC MEMBER  
UPDATES AS PER POLICY  
2.8 COMMUNICATIONS

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- Emma Leger expressed gratitude on behalf of herself and her fellow students to Superintendent Ingersoll and the Principals for working with students during last spring's lockdown to come up with a process to ensure that these students were able to have a grade on their transcript as some universities went back on their word that they were going to accept "enrolled" or "credit" on a transcript in lieu of a mark.
- Harry Doyle advised that he had a good meeting in Hillsborough early in the school year. Parents and students are happy. He had some calls from the Bessborough parents concerning the location of the new West end school. He also stated that he was pleased that EECD was able to provide this evening's presentation in a timely manner.

Superintendent Ingersoll congratulated Aubrey Kirkpatrick on being appointed to the international board of ASBO (Association of School Business Officials). ASBO is a large organization with an NB board, a Canadian Board and an International Board. The Superintendent advised that this year's student enrollment is 16,149 and there are 488 home schooled students, 300 of which are new this year. He anticipates that most of the 300 new homeschool students will return next year. If you add these new homeschool students back into the count for this year, there was growth in the district despite having a no growth in international students. The Superintendent shared with the DEC some of the challenges for students and teachers in operations during the Orange Phase of the Covid Recovery Plan. He noted that our zone will likely be back in the Yellow phase by the end of this week, but we must always be prepared for change in case we go back into another orange or red phase. He has been in touch with Dr. Yvan Leblanc who is the local medical officer who will advise when an outbreak happens. Senior district staff will be having an outbreak meeting tomorrow to refine the process for managing outbreaks. A PD day has been moved up from later in the year to October 30<sup>th</sup> to give teachers the opportunity to network and develop plans for a possible outbreak.

### 9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Correspondence was received by consent Agenda.

### 10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Letter to EECD re. presentation on location of new Bessborough School
- 10.2 Letter from EECD re. presentation on location of new Bessborough School

Chair Doyle adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The next Regular Business Meeting is scheduled for November 17 at 6:00 p.m.

*Original signed by Harry Doyle*

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District Education Council Chair

*Original signed by Denise Kingston*

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District Education Council Secretary

