



**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
ANGLOPHONE EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUSINESS MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

Present: DOYLE, Harry  
BREWER, Roberta  
LAWSON, Angela (online)  
FOLKINS, Michelle  
HEBBLETHWAITE, IAN  
McCONNELL, NORVAL  
MAWHINNEY, BRENDA  
MacMULLIN, Roy  
LEGER, EMMA  
INGERSOLL, Gregg  
KINGSTON, Denise

Regrets: SHORT, SARAH

The Regular Business meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chair Doyle.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

*Moved by Brenda Mawhinney, seconded by Roberta Brewer to approve the Agenda.*

**2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was declared.

**3.0 DECLARATION OF  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

*Moved by Roy MacMullin, seconded by Ian Hebblethwaite to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2020.*

**4.0 APPROVAL OF  
OCTOBER 20, 2020  
MINUTES**

Motion carried.

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent Ingersoll introduced Tracy Landry, Subject Coordinator, First Nations Education, who began her presentation by explaining the Territorial Acknowledgement and the reasons for doing so. She then delivered a power point presentation on First Nationals Education in the Province which covered topics such as the role of the First Nations Subject Coordinators, the four year plan work plan, and self-assessment look-fors. Ms. Landry also shared some of the cultural activities students in the District have been engaged in at different grade levels. And shared some positive experiences during Orange Shirt Day and Mi'kmaq History Month.

**5.1 FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION PRESENTATION**

Vice-Chair Roberta Brewer led a discussion on the state of ageing schools in the District from a viewpoint of the limitations of the Mid-life upgrade process. She noted that ASD-E has requested six major projects and noted that the District was approved for a new K-8 school in the West End of Moncton. She commented that it would likely be at least five years before and other requested major projects get approved. As the state of repair of older schools in the District are deteriorating a discussion followed on what could the DEC do. It was suggested that a letter be written to the Minister of Education regarding these concerns. There was also discussion on forming a committee to meeting with the Director of Finance and Administration to discuss possible solutions and perhaps involve the public in the discussion. It was agreed that the Mid-life upgrade model had to change as this dooms community schools to numerous sporadic repairs to old buildings and that the Province should be upgrading schools on a continuous basis. It was decided by consensus that the Council of DEC chairs should address this with the Minister at the upcoming Minister's Forum.

**5.2 DISCUSSION ON AGEING SCHOOLS**

- Roy MacMullin advised that he had toured the facility that will house the Ladder Up program. The program is looking at providing sample courses in the trades to dropouts with a view to getting them back in education or the work force. The tour was also attended by potential sponsors.
- Robert Brewer commented that Petitcodiac Regional School is an ageing K-12 school (the original school is being used by Grades 6-12 and the K-5 are housed in an addition). Although the school has a double gym it is challenging to meet the needs of the school population. Also, the school theater is small and has broken seats. It is not possible to hold assemblies for the different grade groups in the school (Elementary, middle, high school). Notwithstanding the need for another gym and a new larger theater, the priority is the completion of the welding shop. The shop teacher has taken the course at NBCC and a welding table and rack was donated by the students. Superintendent Ingersoll advised that the addition of the welding shop was to be done in two phases, phase one has been completed and phase two was put on hold. The District has moved the completion of the welding shop to priority number one on the capital projects request submitted this year and expects it will likely be funded and be completed next summer.

**6.0 DEC MEMBER UPDATES AS PER POLICY  
2.8 COMMUNICATIONS**

- Brenda Mawhinney participated in a zoom PSSC meeting with the Frank L. Bowser PSSC, the parents are doing well with the zoom platform and are having many good discussions. Riverview Middle's meeting was during the last DEC meeting, so she was unable to participate. Riverview High's PSSC will be meeting next week.
- Norval McConnell participated in the Edith Cavell's PSSC meeting. The parents are very happy about the girls' gaming club which has 40 girls participating. He noted the Bessborough School also does Zoom PSSC meetings and he noted they have a new Chair. He attended two of the three Ed Specs Meetings for the new West End K-8 School. Once approved EECD hires the Architect. Member McConnell commended the two Principals, Nick Mattatall and Laura Small on being dynamic visionary Principals and are pleased that they are involved in the transition.
- Michelle Folkins advised that her PSSC's have not had meetings yet. She has spoken to a parent of a home learning student and that is concern that the learning has been slow to start. Superintendent Ingersoll advised that vulnerable students were being provided work, it has been slow to start as the number of vulnerable students has increased substantially and supports are being added as the numbers increase. He advised that the parent should follow up with the Director of Schools for the Sackville Education Centre.
- Harry Doyle attended PSSC meetings. The new Principal at Riverview East is doing well, there were traffic problems at the beginning of the school year, but things have settled down. Caledonia Regional and Hillsborough Elementary have upcoming meetings scheduled. The Minister's Forum is coming up next week.

Superintendent Ingersoll advised that all the School Districts have come up with a one-year School Improvement Plan with the reality of COVID-19 in mind. In the event that shutdowns become necessary teachers will teach online. The focus this fall is getting teachers ready for this possibility and also mental health. The Superintendent distributed ASD-E's School Improvement Plan to the DEC members and presented a power point on the plan and the three priorities identified.

**7.0 SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT**

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**8.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received by consent Agenda.

- 8.1 correspondence from Maplehurst Middle School expressing lack of post covid-19 resources for middle schools.
- 8.2 correspondence from Bettina Moores re. New West End School
- 8.3 correspondence from Bernice McNaughton High School PSSC re. grading system implemented during spring lockdown
- 8.4 letter from Harrison Trimble High School PSSC re. concerns regarding EECD return to school plans and the effect on students, staff and Curriculum

It was agreed by consensus that Chair Doyle would bring to EECD at the upcoming Minister's Forum the concerns expressed in items 8.1, 8.3 and 8.4 Regarding item 8.2 it was noted that the volume of information requested was too large of a volume for the DEC to manage so they will assign the task to the however they will have the office of the Superintendent.

Moved by Brenda Mawhinney, seconded by Roberta Brewer that a December meeting would be held only if necessary.

Motion carried.

Moved by Ian Hebblethwaite, seconded by Roy MacMullin that the DEC approve the Educational Specifications for the New West End K-8 School.

Motion carried.

Chair Doyle adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The next Regular Business Meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2021 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