

DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL ANGLOPHONE EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT 1077 ST. GEORGE BOULEVARD, MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 16, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

The meeting of the District Education Council, Anglophone East School District, was held virtually and live streamed on the DEC Facebook page due Covid 19 restrictions.

Present:

DOYLE, Harry FOLKINS, Michelle LAWSON, Angela HEBBLETHWAITE, Ian BREWER, Roberta MACMULLIN, Roy MAWHINNEY, Brenda LEGER, Emma KINGSTON, Denise, Council Secretary INGERSOLL, Gregg, Superintendent

Regrets: MCCONNELL, Norval

SHORT, Sarah

The Regular Business meeting was called to order at 6:03 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.

Moved by Angela Lawson, seconded by Michelle Folkins 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 Ian Hebblethwaite, seconded by Michelle Folkins to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2021.

MINUTES

Motion carried.

JANUARY 19, 2021

4.0 APPROVAL OF

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5.0 NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Ingersoll advised that the Director of Schools were working on rolling out the new Provincial Improvement Framework and he introduced Pamela Wilson, Director of Schools, Riverview Education Centre and Anne Bernard-Bourgeois, Director of Schools, Sackville Education Centre. The Directors delivered a Power Point Presentation which included topics such as School Improvement Planning, the evolution of the effective schools framework and its four domains, 2020-2021 Effective School Planning and the ASD-E Timeline.

5.1 PROVINCIAL IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK

 Roy McMullin wondered if there have been any changes and plans to return High School students back to school full time. He also wondered about bullying and wondering if the DEC could improve how bullying is handled and feels the DEC should treat this topic as a priority. Superintendent Ingersoll advised that he would be touching on these topics in his Superintendent Report.

6.0 DEC MEMBER
UPDATES AS PER POLICY
2.8 COMMUNICATIONS

- Angela Lawson advised she did not have an update as two of her PSSC's were meeting tonight. Things have been pretty quiet overall.
- Michelle Folkins wishes to address the reply from DTI regarding the DEC's request for a rationalization regarding Salem and Marshview. She was wondering if the DEC should invite Josh Nowlan to a meeting to discuss the letter. Also, there seems to be a miscommunication within the department on what ASD-E has been doing and how we have arrived at the priorities on the capital improvement lists. Many options have already been explored. Or perhaps a letter could be sent requesting that they go over the information that has already been provided.
- Roberta Brewer stated that she was experiencing similar communication issues with DTI
 and brought forward an email from the Salisbury Elementary PSSC to the Minister of
 Education and the Minister's reply to their letter. The Department does not seem to be in
 touch with the communications and investigations that have already been sent.
 - After discussion it was agreed by consensus that letters be sent to the Minister of Education regarding the Sackville schools and Salisbury Elementary School.
- Brenda has attended three PSSC meetings. Riverview Middle has a great presentation by the literacy team. The school is planning a mental health symposium in the spring. Frank L. Bowser has been working on getting more technology in the school, they have 120 ipads in the schools so far since they started their project. Claude D. Taylor focused on security. There is concern with people hanging around the school after hours and on the weekend. The District has hired a security company and a report is submitted each morning to the Principals. The parents would like this service to be extended. All the schools appreciate the extra security. There has also been support from the District such as extra lighting and extra cameras. The Kevin Cameron Webinar was excellent also.

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- Emma Leger shared on behalf of MHS student that the blended learning last semester had many positive outcomes such as developing time management skill, being independent and coming up with their own schedule all of which will prepare the students for transition to post-secondary education. They would like to see more of this when school returns to "normal". The newer model in the second semester which requires students to login every hour is not only challenging for the students but hinders students whose families are financially struggling from working on the at home days. During first semester these students were able to manage their time to be able to work on their studies and also work outside the home to help their family, it is unfortunate they are unable to do this during second semester. Angela Lawson and Roberta Brewer concurred that they had similar good feedback from HTHS and JMA students and families.
- Ian Hebblethwaite attended a couple of PSSC meetings since the last time the DEC met. No concerning issues were brought forward. He commented that meetings online work well but lacks the same level of discussion as in person meetings. He is looking forward to the return in person meetings. Member Hebblethwaite advised that a DEC committee had met to investigate the business case for moving the District Offices to the former Church Street School as requested in the letter from EECD and it was determined that there was not a strong business case. Member Hebblethwaite therefore withdrew his motion of January 19, 2021 and requested that a letter be sent to EECD to advise that the motion has been withdrawn. A vote was taken on the withdrawal of the motion and was passed unanimously. Member Hebblethwaite stated that although this motion has been withdrawn that the committee has not given up on a future use for the benefit of ASD-E students.
- Harry Doyle attended PSSC meetings with Caledonia Regional High School, Riverview East,
 Riverside Albert and Hillsborough Elementary. The online meetings seem to work well. He
 is looking forward to in person meetings. He reminded the DEC members that the
 Municipal Elections were coming up and that members interested in reoffering could find
 the necessary forms on the NB Elections website.

Superintendent Ingersoll commented that he appreciated the DEC's feedback. He noted that there have been many positives in the past year due to Covid such as technology use in high schools and more online courses than ever before. The District would like to keep the options open post Covid. There will be a subsidy in the fall from EECD for Grade 9 students for laptops. The Superintendent then delivered a power point presentation to bring the DEC up to date on topics such as the English Language proficiency assessments, homeschooling, High School schedule and year end events, Budget and Staffing, Teacher Counsellors and student attendance.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received by consent Agenda.

- 8.1 Correspondence to DTI re. Marshview Middle and Salem Elementary
- 8.2 Correspondence to Minister of Education re. District Office space
- 8.3 Correspondence from Riverview East PSSC re. overcrowding
- 8.4 Correspondence from Minister of Education re. District Office space
- 8.5 Correspondence from EECD re. request for Preliminary study for Salem Elementary

Chair Doyle adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

The next Regular Business Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Original signd by Harry Doyle	
District Education Council Chair	
Original signed by Denise Kingston	
District Education Council Secretary	