



**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
ANGLOPHONE EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1077 ST. GEORGE BOULEVARD, MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK  
BUSINESS MEETING MAY 18, 2021.**

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  
MCCONNELL, NORVAL  
LEGER, Emma  
KINGSTON, Denise, Council Secretary  
GREBENC, Kathy, Acting Superintendent

**Regrets:**

SHORT, Sarah

The Regular Business meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chair Harry Doyle.

Chair Doyle welcomed the Guests participating virtually and the public and media viewing the meeting online. 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

***Moved by Norval McConnell, seconded by Michelle Folkins to approve the Agenda.***

**Motion carried.**

No conflict of interest was declared.

3.0 DECLARATION OF  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

***Moved by Roberta Brewer, seconded by Ian Hebblethwaite to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2021.***

4.0 APPROVAL OF  
MARCH 16, 2021 MINUTES

**Motion carried.**

Monitoring Report 1.5 Facilities was received and reviewed prior to the meeting. Aubrey Kirkpatrick, Director of Finance and Administration thanked the DEC members for their service during their term and expressed appreciation for all they have done. He noted that enrollment projections going forward were strong which brings challenges with facilities being full. Mr. Kirkpatrick advised that the Districts have been working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development over the past year to strengthen the QBL process. There was discussion regarding the recommended Major Capital request list (projects over one million dollars) as contained in the Multi-Year Infrastructure Review and the Capital Projects list (projects under one million dollars). Concerns were raised regarding the state of the washrooms in many schools. Mr. Kirkpatrick agreed that due to the age of many schools in the District the washrooms are outdated and tired, however they are cleaned every day and custodians are to submit requisitions for any repairs that are needed. He suggested that the DEC could set aside some of the projects on the capital list that scored higher and do some washrooms. Member Folkins shared concerns of the TRHS PSSC regarding the outdated science labs and shared photographs. After discussion the following motion was made:

5.1 MONITORING REPORT  
1.5 FACILITIES

***Moved by Michelle Folkins, seconded by Norval McConnell that the TRHS Science labs be listed as number four on the capital projects list and the remaining projects be bumped down by one.***

**Motion lost.**

It was suggested that items of concern regarding facilities from Principals be brought forward to discuss at the June meeting. After discussion the following motion was made:

***Moved by Norval McConnell, seconded by Roberta Brewer that the ASD-E DEC accept the Capital Projects List and Major Capital List as is with a commitment from Senior Staff to investigate and report back to discuss solutions of concern by the June meeting.***

**Motion carried.**

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### 6.0 OLD BUSINESS

Monitoring Report 4.2 Budget/Financial Condition was received and reviewed by the DEC members prior to the meeting. ***Moved by Ian Hebblethwaite, seconded by Angela Lawson to receive and accept Monitoring 4.2 Budget/Financial Condition.***

### 6.1 MONITORING REPORT 4.2 BUDGET/FINANCIAL CONDITON

Aubrey Kirkpatrick, Director of Finance and Administration advised that this was the final Budget Report for previous Budget year and that the Districts received their new budgets last week and he will be presenting a new Budget at the June meeting. Mr. Kirkpatrick thanked the DEC members for lobbying over the years to bring attention to areas that need to be pointed out and also thanked the budget holders for a balanced budget. He commented that it had been an interesting year due to Covid 19. Mr. Kirkpatrick thanked The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) for being there to provide the needed resources to run schools during the pandemic. Extra funds were needed to make schools covid ready, extra staffing and extra bussing. Districts in general underspent the extra funding and as a result there were surpluses to be returned to EECD. Chair Doyle called the question. **Motion carried.**

- Ian Hebblethwaite attended a couple of PSSC meeting. There are concerns at one school regarding the number of EA's needed in two of their classes which will result in having six adults in each class.
- Roberta Brewer will be attending the JMA Armstrong/Salisbury Middle School PSSC meeting tomorrow night. She met last month with Salisbury Middle School and Havelock School PSSC's. The PSSC's have reviewed and signed off on the maintenance list. There were concerns expressed regarding staffing.
- Angela Lawson advised that she received a letter regarding disrespectful parent conduct towards teachers and bullying concerns.
- Roy MacMullin commented that he did not reoffer for the DEC and expressed that it was not in anyway related to his fellow DEC members. He will expand upon this at the June meeting.
- Michelle Folkins attended the Port Elgin School PSSC meeting and was pleased to share the good news that a School was going to have a green house in July. Tantramar Regional students presented a power point on bussing that highlighted a concern on buses being crowded. Member Folkins has made enquiries about having a First Nations DEC representative and learned that First Nations representatives are only appointed

### 7.0 DEC MEMBER UPDATES AS PER POLICY 2.8 COMMUNICATIONS

to areas set out in the Education Act. She noted that DEC Chairs did not have input consultations regarding Bill 35. Member Folkins made the following motion:

***Moved by Michelle Folkins, seconded by Ian Hebblethwaite that the District Education Council write a letter to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to request that Bill 35 be amended to include the changes needed for a First Nations Representative for all Districts as it winds its way through the legislature and that a letter also be sent to MLA's to inform them of these wishes.***

**Motion Carried.**

- Brenda Mawhinney attended PSSC's meetings for Frank L. Bowser School and Riverview Middle School and will attend a meeting at Claude D. Taylor School next week. She noted that parents are not treating staff well and a code of conduct is being developed. It has been a rough year in Riverview and the District has put in place a security company which visits six schools every night to monitor activity and provides a report to Principals each morning. She would like this to be continued.
- Norval McConnell attended PSSC meetings at Hillcrest and Bessborough Schools and is looking forward to the new school. He also attended the Harrison Trimble High School PSSC meeting and was heartened to see that the restrictions of Covid 19 did not dampen the enthusiasm and dedication of the Trojans in keeping the yearly Trojan Trek alive. Member McConnell also attended a PSSC meeting at Edith Cavell school and noted that 34 countries are represented at this school and commented on the positivity and spirit of cooperation among the students whenever he visits the school.
- Emma Leger, Student Member, commented that students are resilient in the face of adversity; they are taking matters into their own hands, helping peers, gathering all their own resources and working with guidance. The new way of learning, blended learning, has been a positive experience.
- Harry Doyle noted that notwithstanding that these are difficult times much has been accomplished through Zoom conferences with schools and many people contributing to the success of staff and students.

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Kathy Grebenc, Acting Superintendent commented that she appreciated the student member's feedback and noted that there was also positive feedback on online parent/teacher interviews. She acknowledged that things have been tough this year but not all has been lost; big investments have been made in technology so that online learning could work. The Senior Management team has been working on class composition and staffing and considering all scenarios. They have been balancing Principal asks as well as Admin, Resource and Guidance. Every school will get some top up. Most Subject Coordinators are in place for next year except for one position. The Senior Admin team is presently working on Contract B and D placements.

8.0 SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

Correspondence was received by consent Agenda.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 Letter from TRHS PSSC re. ventilation system concerns
- 9.2 Letter to EECD re. student safety/conditions at Salisbury Elementary School
- 9.3 Letter from EECD re. student safety/conditions at Salisbury Elementary School
- 9.4 Letter from EECD re. withdrawal of motion to relocate District Office
- 9.5 Letter to EECD re. Salem/Marshview rationalization
- 9.6 Letter from TRHS PSSC re. Physical Plant Review

Chair Doyle adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

The next Regular Business Meeting is scheduled for June 15 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

