



MINUTES

DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL ANGLOPHONE EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

The business meeting of the District Education Council, Anglophone East School District, was held virtually and live streamed on February 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

DOYLE, HARRY, CHAIR
HEBBLETHWAITE, IAN, VICE-CHAIR
FOLKINS, MICHELLE
MACDONALD, DUANE
MORTON, ALEX
OWEN, MARK
PLETZ, RACHEL
VAUTOUR, DOMINIC
KNOCKWOOD, JOLYNE

WILSON, PAMELA, ACTING SUPERINTENDENT
KINGSTON, DENISE, COUNCIL SECRETARY

Regrets: FRASER, BERGEN

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harry Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Mark Owen, seconded by Duane MacDonald to approve the Agenda.

Motion Carried.

3.0 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest was declared.

4.0 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2021 MINUTES

The Chair called for the approved of the Minutes of November 16, 2021.

Moved by Dominic Vautour, seconded by Michelle Folkins, to approve the Minutes of November 16, 2021.

Motion carried.

Chair Doyle welcomed and introduced the new First Nations DEC member, Jolyne Knockwood and in coming Superintendent, Randy MacLEAN.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Motion from In Camera Meeting

Chair Harry Doyle then read the following motion which was passed at an in-camera meeting held December 7, 2021:

Moved by Ian Hebblethwaite, seconded by Duane MacDonald, that the AES-DEC hire Randy MacLEAN as the new Superintendent of AESD.

Motion carried.

6.1 Budget Update – Aubrey Kirkpatrick

Moved by Ian Hebblethwaite, seconded by Dominic Vautour to receive and accept Monitoring Report 4.2 Budget/Financial Condition.

Monitoring Report 4.2 Budget/Financial Condition was received and reviewed by the DEC members prior to the meeting. Aubrey Kirkpatrick, Director of Finance and Administration advised that the district is forecasting a balanced budget for the year end March 31, 2022. There was discussion surrounding funding for E.A.'s and snow removal costs.

Chair Doyle called the question on the motion to receive and accept Monitoring Report 4.2 Budget/Financial Condition.

Motion carried.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

Presentation on renaming JMA Armstrong/Salisbury Middle School – Tammy Constantine

Tammy Constantine, Principal of JMA Armstrong High/Salisbury Middle School gave a presentation to the DEC which covered information on the rationale for initiating the name change process, the participants, timeline, and process followed in the selection of the new name for the school. She requested that the DEC keep the new name "Salisbury Regional School" which was democratically

chosen. Principal Constantine expressed that it was not the intention of the committee disrespect the name of John Melvin Adair Armstrong, who did much for the school and community, but rather to unify the two schools contained in the building under one Administration. It was the intention that if the new name selected did not contain Mr. Armstrong's name then the school community would look at ways to honour the name of Mr. Armstrong.

7.0 MEMBER UPDATES

- Dominic Vautour:
 - Harrison Trimble High School is looking into a combined sports student program. The PSSC is working on this.
 - he attended the first Anti-Racism Coalition Committee meeting, and it was a very productive meeting.
 - Shediac Cape School is working on fundraising for a new playground and new parking lot.
 - Parents have share concerns regarding the mixed virtual and in class learning.
- Alex Morton advised that there has not been a lot of activity in his PSSC's during the Christmas break. Salisbury Elementary parents are anxious to have information on when a new school will be constructed. Member Morton shares that he was impressed with how quickly and professionally the recent bus accident was handled.
- Ian Hebblethwaite attended the HTHS PSSC meeting before Christmas break. They are hoping school activities can be resumed soon as long as an operational plan was in place. There is concern with the number of restrictions in place for students. They feel proms should be allowed this year. Member Hebblethwaite also attended the Queen Elizabeth School PSSC meeting, and the parents feel that there has been good support for students to catch up.
- Duane MacDonald attended PSSC meetings at Claude D. Taylor School, Riverview Middle School, Riverview High School and Frank L. Bowser School.
 - Claude D. Taylor School is continuing its work on the School Improvement Plan. The Teachers are being proactive in supporting the students. He noted that they are very pleased with the snow clearing and the disc golf course is still very popular.
 - Frank L. Bowser School is working a Tech Plan – their goal of implementing the plan in five years was achieved in three years (\$100,000 in ipads). They will continue to add more.
 - Riverview High School is implementing a new approach for discipline. A Professional Development session held on restorative practices with Sgt. Ken Smith in attendance and he gave great insights on this topic. It was noted that Riverview High School is below the national average in bullying, harassment, etc. The PSSC had a tour of the school to view the school facility. He was impressed that, in addition to traditional classes, they have automotive, carpentry, welding, electronics, etc.
 - Riverview Middle School - bathroom updates are still on the priority list for the District. A new gate has been installed at the back of the school in the parking lot area to deter vandalism. There is an extra Guidance Counselor available which they hope to keep.
 - Riverview has had many concerns regarding security last year. Every administrator feels that the extra security should be maintained. There have been fewer incidents since security was put in place.

8.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Acting Superintendent, Pamela Wilson, submitted a power point presentation which covered the District Improvement Plan, Safety and Security, Covid Update, Enrollment and Boundaries, Health and Wellness, and areas of success (passion projects, Catch Us at our Best program, Fill the Bus Campaign, etc.)

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Email from Edith Cavell PSSC re. school space utilization.

The next Regular Business Meeting will be held March 15, 2022.

Original signed by Harry Doyle

Harry Doyle, Chair

Original signed by Denise Kingston

Denise Kingston, Secretary