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ANGLOPHONE EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL

October 17, 2023 - 6:30 PM

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6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The business meeting of the District Education Council, Anglophone East School District, was held in person and live streamed on October 17, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.

PRESENT:

DOYLE, HARRY, CHAIR

HEBBLETHWAITE, IAN, VICE-CHAIR

KNOCKWOOD, JOLYNE

MACDONALD, DUANE

VAUTOUR, DOMINIC

CAVOUKIAN, KRISTIN

CHAISSON-BUTLAND, GAVIN, STUDENT DEC MEMBER

MACLEAN, RANDOLPH J., SUPERINTENDENT/CEO

CHAISSON, JANIQUE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT/CEO
AND DISTRICT EDUCATION SECRETARY

REGRETS:

OWEN, MARK

FOLKINS, MICHELLE



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2. Land Acknowledgement

ANGLOPHONE EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE UNCEDED, TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE MI'KMAQ PEOPLE. IN THE SPIRIT OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP, WE EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR THE HISTORY, CULTURE, RIGHTS AND TRADITIONS OF MI'KMAQ PEOPLE AND COMMIT TO RECONCILIATION THROUGH EDUCATION AND HONORING THOSE THAT WERE HERE BEFORE US.

3. Agenda Approval

Moved by DEC member, Kristian Cavoukian, seconded by DEC member, Gavin Chaisson-Butland, to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No declaration of conflict of interest was presented.

5. Approval of September 19, 2023, minutes

Moved by DEC member, Duane McDonald, seconded by DEC member, Gavin Chaisson-Butland, to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion Carried

6. Business arising from the previous meeting.

6.1. Policy 713

The Vice-Chair opens the discussion by acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Minister of Education, Hon. Bill Hogan, titled "Request for corrective action". Vice-Chair Hebblethwaite proceeds with the following motion:



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I, Ian Hebblethwaite, move that the District Education Council formally respond to the letter received from the Minister of Education. We hereby confirm our commitment to maintaining our existing policy regarding the provincial policy 713. I further move that we instruct our staff to draft a response letter to the Minister, expressing our unwavering stance in retaining our current policy. The motion is seconded by Kristin Cavoukian.

Motion carried

6.2. Vacant seats – District Education Council

For the vacant seats, will be temporarily looking after them the following way:

Dominic Vautour:

Moncton High School, and Arnold H. MacLeod

Duane McDonald:

Petitcodiac Regional School, and Havelock School

Kristin Cavoukian:

Beaverbrook School, and Lewisville Middle School

Harry Doyle:

Salisbury Regional High School, and Salisbury Elementary School

The principals, in addition to the PSSC chairs, will be notified of the representation for their school.



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7. Presentation – Indigenous Education Policy

The presentation began with a prayer, and Tracy proceeded to introduce the delegation.

Tracy presented a PowerPoint discussing support for students and staff, along with testimonials. The presentation will be shared with the group. The context of the policy and the need for this conversation were explained by Elder Noel, emphasizing the cultural movement of change and the importance of learning from mistakes. Elder Noel highlighted the significance of building relationships for the future generation, acknowledging efforts beyond duty and the path toward reconciliation.

Elder Noel stressed the policy's groundbreaking nature, addressing acts of prejudice and racism in other districts. He urged rebuilding relationships, encouraging questions, and providing support and cultural competency to all teachers. Elder Noel envisioned a branch with resources on indigenous culture and invited sharing of personal stories. A student emphasized the policy's importance based on his experiences and the positive impact of involving students.

Denis, based on ESD, observed indifference and the feeling of fear in schools, fear of the unknown and shame. Also, was a witness to people who discovered, learned, and appreciated the fact that they learned from this beautiful culture. And finally, emphasizing on the power of action for reconciliation. Ian Hebblethwaite, Vice-Chair, inquired about the banquet exercise, revealing it as a walk-through of colonization followed by a debrief. Kristian Cavoukian, also member of the DEC asked about the meaning of Wabanaki, with Elder Noel explaining it signifies the unification of different tribes.



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Elder Noel discussed the historical government plan for indigenous people on reservations, causing deep-rooted pain. He emphasized the policy as a catalyst for change, particularly in intentional hiring practices, aiming to build a supportive foundation.

Noel expressed his admiration for the true inclusion process, emphasizing the positive impact of the day's efforts. Tracy concluded the session by expressing gratitude for the support and participation of the group.

7:30 PM

8. Superintendent/CEO's Report – Randolph J. MacLEAN

8.1. Subdistrict boundaries (Provincial)

The Superintendent / CEO speaks of the information received from the government regarding boundaries changes and only 4 students are affected. We will be taking over 3 and losing 1 student. The question the superintendent / CEO is on behalf of the DEC, Randy will send the acceptance letter.

All in favor of the superintendent's proposal.

8.2. New West End School – Update

The Superintendent / CEO covered updates on Policy 409, indicating a shift from K-8 to 6-8. A recent meeting with contractors confirmed the projected school opening in July 2024, expressing high confidence in meeting this timeline. Gratitude was extended to Candace and Denis for their contributions.

Section 6.3 of Policy 409 was discussed, with a specific focus on 6.3.5. The DEC conducted a reading of the policy and emphasized the importance of this section.



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Regarding naming representatives, the DEC decided on Kristin Cavoukian, as the DEC representative, Norval McConnel as the community representative (with his apparent acceptance), and the superintendent will provide the staff member's name next week, aligning with the stipulations in section 6.3.5 of Policy 409.

The members of the DEC move to name Kristin Cavoukian, be the representative of the DEC, and Norval McConnel, as the community representative. Moved by Dominic Vautour and seconded by Ian Hebblethwaite.

Motion carried

8.3. Update - Shediac

The department requested that Anglophone East School District form of a planning committee. The department has requested of the Superintendent / CEO, Randolph J. MacLEAN, to provide, Dominic Vautour, Cathy Loyd, Kent Carter, Aubrey, Sarah Lowe, Candance Scott and Victor Boudreau.

Vice-Chair, Ian Hebblethwaite, moves that we endorse the planning committee. Motion seconded by Duane McDonald.

Motion carried.

8.4. Enrolment update

Currently, our enrolment numbers (as of last Thursday) are 19 229 of student enrolment. Today, the number is greater than the number reported.



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Enrolments, provincial numbers, for a 3-year run are:

2021- 16 766

2022 – 17 977

2023 – 19 234

Also, the superintendent / CEO shares a few additional important information regarding growth. On September 30, 2021, and 2023 the numbers were:

Dorchester:

In 2021, enrolment was 78 – In 2023, enrolment is 106

Beaverbrook:

In 2021, enrolment was 193 – In 2023, enrolment is 278

Bernice McNaughton High School:

In 2021, enrolment was 785 – In 2023, enrolment is 946

Harrison Trimble High School:

In 2021, enrolment was 1149 – In 2023, enrolment is 1446

Moncton High School:

In 2021, enrolment was 1309 – In 2023, enrolment is 1552

Northop Frye:

In 2021, enrolment was 661 – In 2023, enrolment is 869

Riverside Consolidated:

In 2021, enrolment was 48 – In 2023, enrolment is 52



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Shediac Cape:

In 2021, enrolment was 380 – In 2023, enrolment is 512

And finally, French Immersion enrollment in 2021 was 7 663, and now it is at 7 847.

8.5. Provincial Assessment Results

At the next meeting, there will be a presentation of the results.

8.6. NB LEAD 2023 Review and update

The Superintendent / CEO mentioned that we were host of this event and spoke of the success of this event and mentioned Donna, Sarah, Adam, and Heather. And how well represented Anglophone East in terms of presenters. And even had the opportunity to visit school with Deputy Minister, Ryhan Donaghy.

8.7. 2023 Student Leadership Conference

Last week, we had 23 students that took part in the event and gave an overview of the opportunities that the students received from this experience, in addition to the supervisor who joined the group and helped with the students.

8.8. PIECON13 (Pride in Education Conference)

The Superintendent / CEO mentioned that the event will be held in St-John, NB, and gave an overview of the initiative and opportunities for many students, as well as supply teaching days provided for this event, as well as transportation.

8.9. Update – Anti-racism

The Superintendent / CEO mentioned the information provided and will let you read at your ledger.



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8.10.Update – Indigenous Education

The Superintendent / CEO mentioned the information provided and will let the members read at their ledger.

8.11.Update – New teachers' induction program

Gave an overview of the program and the support of our 39 new administrators and over 200 new teachers.

8.12.Minister's Excellence Awards

The Superintendent / CEO mentions that this initiative is back on, and we received a request. The senior staff member representing us will be Adam Rogerson. Once we have them, he will bring them to your attention and for recommendations.

8.13.International Welcome Center update

The Superintendent / CEO spoke of the new registrations, and since last year, we had 1 179 that have passed through the Welcome Center. We also begun a school transition program, strong start program and the students who participate in this program. The Superintendent / CEO mentions the repairs done to the stairs. Also, we have 4 550 students who qualify as newcomers in our system, 23.6 % are newcomers, new Canadians.

8.14.Meeting with the city of Moncton

September 27, The Superintendent / CEO and Aubrey Kirkpatrick met with the staff of the city of Moncton and talked about development, high-density, low-density development, and the growth the city expects. Talked about sidewalk snow removal, about the French partners participation, talked about communication and what that what looks like from our perspective and from theirs.



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8.15. Curriculum monitoring report

Deferred to November

8.16. New teachers' collective agreement

The teacher collective agreement has been finalized, but at the next meeting, he will be bringing the high spots, the salary adjustments and respond to needs.

What about snow days - Section in the agreement and their will be a committee will be providing recommendations to the minister by June of the 2024 for September of 2024.

8.17. Mobile classroom - Update

Moncton High School

Scheduled completion early November

Lou MacNarin School

Scheduled completion in early November

Northrop Frye

Scheduled completion, late October

Shediac Cape

Scheduled completion, September (but there are some deficiencies)

Sunny Brae - Scheduled completion, early December

Added information – Tomorrow, At Centennial Park, there will be a race for middle school and elementary school students.



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Harry congratulates Randy and his staff for all he does, and the remarkable amount of work his staff has done.

9. Director of Human Resources' Report – Jacqui Eadle

9.1. Staffing update – Update – Oral report

Still focused on supply teacher, casual education assistance. Student Attendants on busses and the new situation she has to navigate.

With the growth of enrollment, this means we are busier, and we are looking at the resources we have in place and where we need to place them. Always hiring buss driver and custodians. Done some recruitment since august, additional FTE, and named a few that are experiencing growth.

ERP oracle fusion is still going on and looking forward to having that program.

10. Director of Finance and Administration's Report – Aubrey Kirkpatrick

10.1. Second quarter budget – Update – Oral report

Healthy forecast and balanced budget. This year's budget was based on the enrollment of the end of February of 2023.

The director of Finance and Administration confirms that we are in a good financial position and with the extra resources, we will be on the positive side of the scales.



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10.2. Arnold H. Project

A Pilot project started two weeks ago, for a subsidize school lunch program. Canada does not have program. Parents are paying \$3 a meal then; the program is paying the remaining amount. Nonoperational funds are used. And provided information on the anticipated impact this initiative will have on students, encompassing aspects such as attendance and academic performance will be provided.

11. Director of communications – Stephanie Patterson

11.1. General update

Stephanie spoke of Mi'kmaq history month and of the weekly newsletter.

This week is national bus safety week and spoke of the messages being shared with the families and communities.

Touched briefly on the following subjects, CLEVR, media request and explained the process, the new SharePoint site, as my one space was replaced, school websites.

RTIPPA – working with a consultant to formulate more confident responses, appropriate and accessible.

12. PCEAC rep. – Ian Hebblethwaite, Vice-Chair, District Education Council

The Vice-Chair expressed the need to appoint a new rep from the Anglophone East and explained what it entailed.

The group will take it away and bring back a proposition for a representative. Will be on the agenda for the next meeting, in business arising.



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Prior to delving into the members' updates, the Superintendent/CEO was invited to address the assembly regarding the Systema and NB Youth Orchestra event. We seek approval from our members to consider becoming gold sponsors, requesting your consent and support to proceed with a contribution of \$15,000. Additionally, we are exploring the possibility of similar support from the DEC and will present the findings to the members during the upcoming meeting for further discussion and decision-making.

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13. Members' updates

Kristin Cavoukian - No member's update at this time.

Jolene Knockwood - No member update at this time.

Gavin Chaisson-Butland - No member's update at this time.

Dominica Vautour - Apologized for not attending last meeting. Missed family feud at BMHS but watched it on TV. Congratulated them for their participation. Attended 2 graduations, attendant education round table, meetings, Birchmount PSSC first meeting and congratulated her role, Sandra Savard, and spoke of the 2 additional PSSCs he will be supporting.

Duane McDonald - Not able to attend PSSCs but will be going to the next schools. Spoke of the event regarding, Kim Plum-Marr's school, food trucks for meet the staff and social time. Riverview East and Middle worked together and all went very smoothly. The member asked about the bus repairs and the answer provided was that it is going under repairs as we speak.



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Ian Hebblethwaite – No update but wanted to thank everyone who expressed their support during the recent events.

Harry Doyle – Church in Hillsborough and soccer field. Situation with the soccer field. Went to PSSCs. Complaint from a politician that we are flying a pride flag at one of our schools. And the Superintendent / CEO confirms that we do proudly fly pride flags. COVID is hitting hard and not able to visit his wife. And encourages the group to get their vaccination. And shared his personal troubles at home and thanks the group for the time, thoughts, and support.

9:00 PM

14. End of meeting

9:36 pm, motion to adjourn made by Ian Hebblethwaite.

Meeting adjourned

Original signed by Harry Doyle

Harry Doyle, Chair

Original signed by Janique Chiasson

Janique Chiasson, Secretary to the District Education Council