



Anglophone East School District

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ANGLOPHONE EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL

January 23, 2024 - 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 January 23, 2024, at 6:40 p.m.

PRESENT:

DOYLE, HARRY, CHAIR

KNOCKWOOD, JOLYNE

MACDONALD, DUANE

VAUTOUR, DOMINIC

FOLKINS, MICHELLE

CAVOUKIAN, KRISTIN

OWEN, MARK

CHAISSON-BUTLAND, GAVIN, STUDENT DEC MEMBER

MACLEAN, RANDOLPH J., SUPERINTENDENT/CEO

CHAISSON, JANIQUE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT/CEO

AND DISTRICT EDUCATION SECRETARY

REGRETS:

HEBBLETHWAITE, IAN



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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.

Special mention over the passing of Joe Knockwood, and for his great contributions.

3. Agenda Approval

Moved by DEC member, Mark Owen, seconded by DEC member, Michelle Folkins, to approve the amended agenda (addition of 6.3, Superintendent / CEO Compensation).

Motion Carried

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No declaration of conflict of interest was presented.

5. Approval of the minutes from the meeting held November 21, 2023.

Moved by DEC member, Duane MacDonald, seconded by student DEC member, Gavin Chaisson-Butland, to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion Carried



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6. Correspondence

6.1. Letter from Minister Re: legal funding

Dominic Vautour moves that Anglophone East District Education Council direct the Superintendent to prepare and dispense funds in preparation for the charter challenge and injunction related to Policy 713, seconded by Kristin Cavoukian.

Motion carried

6.2. Letter from Town of Riverview Re: swimming pool

The Superintendent/CEO provided details of a letter received by the Town of Riverview, regarding the intent to giving back the pool to Anglophone East School District was mentioned by the Superintendent/CEO that the pool that is adjacent to Riverview High School and indicated to us to hand in the pool to us. The Superintendent, with the Director of finances will be working with the community and the school to see what will become of the pool. If the pool as a place with Anglophone East School District or, become something else.

6.3. Superintendent / CEO Compensation

Mark Owen moves to have a study to be done and the DEC for the following:

- 1. That the letter dated December 11, 2023, from the General Management be received;***
- 2. That the DEC retain the services of an outside law firm to obtain a legal opinion on the issues raised in the letter from senior management and to respond to them;***



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3. ***That the DEC, through the Chair, request that the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development covers the costs of the required external legal services.***

DEC member, Jolene Knockwood, seconded the motion.

Motion carried

7. Business arising from the previous meeting.

- 7.1. Policy 713

This matter was addressed during the correspondence section (6.1), and therefore, no additional information has been added or is required.

7:00 PM

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

- 8.1. Elder in Residence

After the November presentation, the Indigenous Policy was successfully adopted with the support of the DEC and Chief Rebecca Knockwood. In line with this, Anglophone East has enlisted the services of Donna Augustine, who will serve as our Elder in Residence.

- 8.2. Shediac K-12

Superintendent/CEO highlights the involvement of Dominic Vautour, Aubrey Kirkpatrick, Catherine Lloyd, and Sarah Lowe, who form a crucial part of the design team. Additionally, Kent Carter, the PSSC chair, a representative from the town of Shediac, and a representative from the Department are integral members of the team tasked with designing the new school in Shediac.



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Secondly, there was a mention regarding the location, which has yet to be finalized. Once this detail is confirmed, the Superintendent/CEO will provide an update to the members.

8.3. Salisbury New Elementary School

The Superintendent/CEO highlighted the recent announcement regarding the construction of a new Elementary School in Salisbury, along with the preliminary discussions that commenced before the holiday break with the mayor and the director of finances. It was emphasized that further dialogue is required to determine grade configuration and finalize the location. Subsequently, the Superintendent/CEO shared the contents of the letter received from the Department.

An outstanding question for discussion and decision-making is whether the DEC prefers the school to be relocated to a new site or to remain at its current location.

8.4. Dieppe New K-12 School

The Superintendent/CEO shared the recent announcement regarding the construction of a new K-12 school, along with the preliminary discussions that commenced before the holiday break with the mayor of Dieppe and the director of finances.

8.5. New West End Middle School

- i Timelines
- ii Information and decision sharing process
- iii Principal Announcement

Kim Marr has been appointed as the new principal of the upcoming West End Middle School and will assume the role in the second semester. Staff selection will be finalized for September 2024.

Kristin Cavoukian expresses appreciation and commends the excellent work done, not only by the team but also by the Superintendent/CEO.



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Discussions have arisen regarding the possibility of naming the new West End School with an indigenous name.

If another tour is scheduled, the members express interest in participating. The Superintendent/CEO confirms that the visit would take place during the day on a Friday.

Michelle Folkins inquires with the Superintendent/CEO about the number of midlife upgrades scheduled. The schools mentioned are Bessborough School and Hillcrest School. Michelle Folkins, a member of the DEC, pointed out that Tantramara is currently ranked at number 47, and there are 39 schools that have not been addressed. The Superintendent expressed gratitude for her observation and acknowledged her comments. Additionally, he mentioned that later on, information will be shared regarding schools for which funding for midlife upgrades has not been received, but where the district will be investing to provide assistance.

8.6. School Improvement Plan Meetings

The Superintendent/CEO discussed the ongoing series of thirty-nine scheduled school visits, addressing the four primary goals:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Safe and caring environment
- Graduation

Feedback is currently being compiled for each leadership team from every school visited.



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8.7. Long-Term Recommendations for New Brunswick's Anglophone Education System

The Superintendent/CEO shared details about an upcoming initiative aimed at developing a summer learning program for staff within the Anglophone East School District.

8.8. Excellence in Education Awards

The original deadline for the submission was January 26, but it has been extended until February 12. Two candidates have been designated to attend the Excellence in Education Award.

Dominic Vautour proposed the formation of a committee, which received unanimous support from the group. The meeting will be conducted online, and the committee members are:

- Mark Owen
- Duane MacDonald
- Jolyne Knockwood
- Michelle Folkins

8.9. Enrolment Report

The Superintendent/CEO noted that we currently have 19,413 enrolled students, compared to 18,258 at the same time last year.

8.10. Fill the Bus

The Superintendent/CEO extended appreciation, celebration, and commendation to Aubrey Kirkpatrick for his impactful idea, steadfast support, and dedicated efforts in advancing the cause. Additionally, it was noted that the campaign raised \$148,943 in 2024.

8.11. French Immersion Registration

For your information:

The registration deadline is January 31st, and registrations will be entered into PowerSchool by February 14th.



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8.12. Information Items

- i Indigenous Ed Report
For information
- ii Anti-racism Report
For information
- iii Teacher Induction and Mentorship Report
For information

9. Director of Human Resources' Report – Jacqui Eadle

9.1. Staffing Update

The Career Fair season kicks off on January 26th, featuring a mix of virtual and in-person events.

9.2. Staff Recruitment

Teacher staffing for the new school is underway, beginning with leadership appointments and progressing to the mapping of the staffing process. Meetings with the Teachers' Federation have been scheduled to ensure alignment.

Recruitment efforts are ongoing to address unfilled positions, with a focus on bolstering our system's self-sufficiency and integrating Department of Education SPRs into our schools. Additionally, as our system expands, we are continually incorporating new tools to support our growth.

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

10.1. Facilities Update

No information was exchanged.



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10.2. Transportation Update

Currently, 35% of our bus drivers are eligible for retirement. We discussed the importance of making this profession more appealing and transforming it into a long-term career rather than just a temporary job, similar to our approach for custodians.

10.3. Community Schools Update

No information was exchanged.

10.4. Quarterly Report

We anticipate achieving a balanced budget by the end of March. Duane inquired about any potential influx.

The Chair raised a question regarding the lawyers in Ottawa. Randy will be responsible for handling this matter, rather than the Director of Finances.

11. Director of communications – Stephanie Patterson

11.1. Update

Recruitment campaign.

We're currently scouting locations for filming to support our advisory and recruitment campaign.

Additionally, our Student Welcome Center team is taking on added responsibilities, and updates are being prepared for our website, scheduled for completion by Monday (January 29, 2024).

Tomorrow, we'll establish timelines for the New West End School project and discuss the process moving forward.



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11.2. Turn Around Award Update

We're undergoing a rebranding process to transition to the Inspire Awards, which better reflects the essence of the award. Heather Stordy and Stephanie are providing support with communication efforts.

Traditionally, the event occurs during the last week of May or the first week of June.

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12. Members' Updates

Dominic Vautour – In November, amidst the hustle of Christmas concerts and meetings for the Shediac school, considerable time was dedicated to discussions and planning for the new Shediac school project.

Michelle Folkins – She discussed attending various PSSC meetings and highlighted concerns regarding allocated funds and strategies to encourage parental involvement. Additionally, she mentioned the idea of potentially providing budget allotments for parents with lengthy commutes. The Superintendent/CEO noted ongoing discussions on this matter, with some advocating for online meetings as an alternative to in-person gatherings. These conversations have spurred deliberations within the DEC.

Duane McDonald – had the opportunity to visit seven of my schools recently and particularly appreciated touring the newly inaugurated school under my responsibility. During each of these visits, the focus consistently revolved around discussing the school improvement plan.



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Harry Doyle – Riverview East expressed dissatisfaction over the removal of portables. The redistribution includes Arnold H. McLeod and Birchmount each receiving two, Lewisville and Moncton High School receiving one, as well as Northrop Frye and Sunny Brae. The DEC Chair mentions the noticeable decline in PSSC membership participation.

Additionally, mentioned that he received news of a custodian who fell ill just before the holiday season and is currently recuperating at home. Concerns were raised about the soccer field in Hillsborough, resulting in the absence of a team.

Also, it was mentioned that as Chair, he received information about incidents of violence occurring in schools. The Superintendent/CEO extended an invitation to the Chair to encourage anyone making these reports to reach out directly to him.

Jolyne Knockwood – There is no member update, but on the other hand, there were no invitations received from the PSSCs. The DEC member mentioned that when invitations are sent, they often arrive on the same day as the event, leaving us with little opportunity to participate. The Superintendent/CEO will lend support to Jolyne, and Jordan's principal will collaborate with Tracy.

Mark Owen - Mentioned his address at the Systema year-end event, emphasizing the need to expand the program as Systema aims to accommodate 10,000 students. At the start of the year, Northrop Frye experienced challenges, prompting the opening of portables. Additionally, at Evergreen Park, PSSC raised concerns about widening the sidewalk.

The primary concern for most PSSCs revolves around the single dismissal issue. Disappointment was expressed regarding provincial assessment results, prompting discussions on potential actions and future directions. Efforts are underway to recruit more members at Evergreen Park.



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Kristin Cavoukian – I had the opportunity to meet with the PSSCs at Edith Cavell and Bessborough. We discussed implementing teacher changes to better support school staff, including the introduction of academic support teachers and district mentors.

At Bessborough, exciting developments are underway, such as receiving \$3,500 for the breakfast program. On a recent day, 97 children were served breakfast, with the number increasing to 125. Additionally, they've initiated their 10-year upgrade and are pleased with the progress.

There has been a noticeable shift in the origin countries of students, with representation from 29 countries and 27 languages. A group of children has been instrumental in creating a welcoming atmosphere.

Hillcrest is off to a strong start, but there have been issues with communication via School Messenger, as not all recipients are being reached. Stephanie will be addressing this matter later this week, particularly for non-parents whose children use the bus.

Gavin Chaisson-Butland – The significance of December was mentioned, marking it the first formal event in years. Additionally, January tends to be a slower month in terms of activities and events.

9:00 PM

13. End of meeting

9:35 pm, motion to adjourn made by Dominic Vautour.

Meeting adjourned



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Original signed by Harry Doyle

Harry Doyle, Chair

Original signed by Janique Chiasson

Janique Chiasson, Secretary to the District Education Council