



Anglophone East School District

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ANGLOPHONE EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL

March 19, 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 March 19, 2024, at 6:40 p.m.

PRESENT:

DOYLE, HARRY, CHAIR

KNOCKWOOD, JOLYNE

HEBBLETHWAITE, IAN

MACDONALD, DUANE

VAUTOUR, DOMINIC, VICE-CHAIR

FOLKINS, MICHELLE

CAVOUKIAN, KRISTIN

OWEN, MARK

MORTON, ALEX

CHAISSON-BUTLAND, GAVIN, STUDENT DEC MEMBER

MACLEAN, RANDOLPH J., SUPERINTENDENT/CEO

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



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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, Dominic, seconded by DEC member, Kristin Cavoukian, to approve the agenda as amended (Section 9 deleted as the director is absent and unable to speak to her report).

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 February 20, 2024.

Moved by DEC member, Michelle Folkins, seconded by DEC member, Mark Owen, to approve the amended minutes.

Motion Carried

Amendment reports, Duane MacDonald, the frank L Bowser is an apple accredited school, not store. The second change, to add Alex Morton in members attending.

6. Correspondence

- Letter from Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development
Kristin Cavoukian read the letter, for the record, letter received from the Minister of Education and Early.



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Following the received letter from the Minister of Education, the members of the District Education Council voted and responded on March 13, and Kristin Cavoukian proceeded to read the letter during the meeting.

The consensus around the table was to extend an invitation to the Minister to meet with the members of the DEC, in Moncton, during a DEC meeting.

- Letter from Mayor of Salisbury, Robert Campbell
Addressing the members of the DEC, Superintendent/CEO MacLEAN provided some details regarding the letter received from the mayor of Salisbury and did provide a letter to the chair with feedback from the Mayor as to where the school should be located.

7. Business arising from the previous meeting.
No business arising to report.

7:00 PM

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

8.1 Long-term recommendations follow-up

The Superintendent/CEO mentions that 64 pages of recommendations will be passed on to the Department and thanked all involved for their feedback.

8.2 New Shediac K-12

This item, under the new format and process, agenda on consent, will not be discussed.



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8.3 New Salisbury Elementary School

The design process committee will commence in the fall of 2024. At that time, a member of the DEC will need to be appointed, along with a PSSC rep and a member of the community.

8.4 New Dieppe K-12 School

Randy received a request from the department to begin the architectural design phase for this school. The Superintendent/CEO will be asking the members of the DEC to appoint a DEC member and have a motion to appoint a member tonight.

The DEC member, Mark Owen, puts forth a motion to nominate Ian Hebblethwaite, Seconded by Duane MacDonald.

Motion carried.

8.5 New West End Middle School

This item, under the new format and process, agenda on consent, will not be discussed.

8.6 Enrollment update

The Superintendent/CEO provided information regarding the current situation and the projected enrollment for the year to come.

8.7 School Day, Eclipse

This item, under the new format and process, agenda on consent, will not be discussed.



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8.8 K-8 School day, September 2024

The Superintendent/CEO provides confirmation that we will not have three dismissals, but two dismissals. This decision prompts a thorough examination of its implications on transportation logistics and release schedules, particularly concerning high schools. We must assess the necessity for additional buses, potential route adjustments, and potential modifications to school start times to effectively accommodate the change. Once all stakeholders reach a consensus, communication regarding the finalized arrangements will be shared throughout the system.

8.9 School Information

- *Northrop Frye PSSC meeting* - The Superintendent/CEO expresses gratitude to Mark Owen for his presence at a PSSC meeting held at Northrop Frye. During the meeting, the Superintendent/CEO addressed concerns regarding student arrivals and bus drop-offs at schools. Gratitude was also extended to several municipal councilors for their attendance.

We will be examining the number of students eligible for bus transportation but are currently being dropped off by parents. This assessment will guide us in encouraging parents to utilize the bus services provided for their children. Additionally, we will assess traffic patterns to ensure student safety, and consider effective communication strategies for parents and the PSSC.

Appreciation was conveyed to the administrative team for their diligent efforts, and acknowledgment was given to the crossing guard for their outstanding management of traffic flow. However, issues arising from aggressive driving have been noted, and the RCMP are actively addressing these concerns. Gratitude was expressed for the PSSC's involvement, and the invitation extended to them.



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- *Harrison Trimble High School, [International Baccalaureate Program](#)*
Parent Meeting - During a meeting last week, discussions centered around the introduction of the International Baccalaureate Program slated for September 2025. The interest in the Sport-Etude program was also highlighted during the event, which was attended by several hundred parents, where the school administration shared pertinent information.

Mark Owen, a member of the DEC, voiced concerns regarding the school's capacity to support the program amidst an anticipated rise in enrollment. In response, the Superintendent/CEO acknowledged the concern and affirmed the necessity to thoroughly examine the matter.

Added information about the Horizon Leadership Conference taking place on April 9 at Tantram Regional High School.

8.10 Information items (For information purposes)

- 8.10.1 Indigenous Education report
- 8.10.2 Anti-racism report
- 8.10.3 Teacher Induction and Mentorship report
- 8.10.4 International Welcome Center report
- 8.10.5 Wild Symphony Information

These items, under the new format and process, agenda on consent, will not be discussed.

The DEC Vice-Chair, Dominic Vautour, moved to accept the Superintendent/CEO's report. Seconded by Michelle Folkins.

Motion carried



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9. Director of Human Resources' Report – Jacqui Eadle

9.1 Teacher staffing update

9.2 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) / Oracle Fusion update

Noted at Section 3 – Agenda Approval - Section 9 was deleted as the director is absent and unable to speak to her report.

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

10.1 Finances / ERP update

10.2 Facilities update

10.3 Transportation update

Regarding the ongoing process, I'd like to highlight that our fiscal year ends on March 31st, which initiates a rather complex procedure. This year, the process is further complicated by our transitional phase, with one foot in the old system and the other in the new one. Currently, our district budget remains in the fusion stage, with all expenses recorded in the old system. We're tasked with merging data from these two different systems into spreadsheets and ensuring their alignment. The same applies to other pay components (attendance), such as Oracle Fusion.

During this interim period, we're diligently extracting and organizing information in preparation for the transition between systems. Despite the challenges, it's evident that the modernized system is an urgent necessity for our operations.

It's worth noting that staff members are dedicating overtime and weekends to ensure the system's functionality. With over 70 budget managers actively engaged in this initiative, concerted efforts are underway to ensure that this innovative process aligns with predefined goals. As of today, we're within the goal post, thanks to the collective efforts of our dedicated team.



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It was noted that facilities successfully refurbished the gym floors at Dorchester School, Forest Glen School, Queen Elizabeth School, Beaverbrook, Claude D. Taylor Schools, Arnold H. MacLeod, and Frank L. Bowser. This revitalization breathed new life and energy into these spaces.

Regarding transportation adjustments pertaining to K-2, comprehensive information will be available sometime in June. Following this, we will promptly share the pertinent details with families.

11. Director of communications – Stephanie Patterson

11.1 Update

During Stephanie Patterson's update, she informed the group of the latest developments regarding the naming committee for the new West End school. Collaborating with the elder in residence and Chief Rebecca Knockwood, the school will receive a Mi'gmaq indigenous name. At the conclusion of her report, members will be asked to confirm their agreement for the committee to proceed with the process. They will disseminate a message to the feeder schools and students—Edit Cavell, Hillcrest, Bessborough, Evergreen, and Maplehurst. A draft letter will be published on the webpage, inviting the community to vote. The query posed to the members is: Are you in agreement with the presented process and proposed communication, to be shared by the end of the week, with a deadline of April 5? In April, the group will reconvene with a proposal, at which time the DEC will need to propose a motion. Members were asked if they accepted this process, all of whom expressed support. Following a question, it was confirmed that the process aligns with policy 409. Therefore, the group consents to proceed with the process.



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12. Members' Updates

Duane MacDonald – No member update at this time.

Alex Morton – No member update at this time.

Michelle Folkins – No member update at this time.

Dominic Vautour – In his presentation on long-term recommendations, acknowledged the considerable time and effort invested in various meetings. He noted his attendance at a PSSC meeting at Arnold H. MacLeod as an interim member due to a vacancy and expressed intent to return for a follow-up visit. Additionally, the Vice-Chair plans to visit Mountainview on Thursday, following a rescheduling of the meeting. A special acknowledgment was extended to Principal Sandra Savard of Birchmount School for her attendance during the livestream DEC meeting.

Ian Hebblethwaite – No member update at this time.

Harry Doyle – The Chair mentioned that he does try to visit as many schools as he can. And shared that he had been in Albert County, concerns with the soccer field and asked for the possibility of fundraiser. Hillsborough, the playground is a mess. Riverview East nothing to report, except for the portables being taken away. Riverside Albert trying to finish up their federal project. That community is a nervous community and reassured that we are not looking for school closure.

Mark Owen – Attended the Northrop Frye meeting on February 22 with councilors. Also, mentioned the pleasure of witnessing Sistema's second concert of the year and commended the group's growth. Looking forward to the Maplehurst Impact Gala Evening, on Thursday, and finally, will manage to fit in the Magnetic Hill PSSC meeting.



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Jolyne Knockwood – There were no PSSC meetings, but it's worth noting the positive relationship between Fort Folly and the District, which is a new development and beneficial for our children. Additionally, participated in the naming process for the new school and acknowledges that it wasn't an easy task. Expresses deep appreciation for the collaborative efforts with Elder Donna Augustine and Chief Rebecca Knockwood.

Kristin Cavoukian – No member update at this time.

Gavin Chaisson-Butland – Attended a middle school mental health seminar and thanked everyone involved and the public nurse for their presentation. Was not able to participate to the PSSC meeting that was schedule on the same night as the DEC meeting.

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13.End of meeting

8:11 pm, motion to adjourn made by Michelle Folkins.

Meeting adjourned

Original signed by Harry Doyle

Harry Doyle, Chair

Original signed by Janique Chiasson

Janique Chiasson, Secretary to the District Education Council