



# Anglophone East School District

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## MINUTES

ANGLOPHONE EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL

**September 17, 2024 - 6:30 PM**

Livestreamed on the ASD-E District Education Council Facebook page:

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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 September 17, 2024, at 6:41 pm.

**PRESENT:**

DOYLE, HARRY, CHAIR

KNOCKWOOD, JOLYNE

HEBBLETHWAITE, IAN

MACDONALD, DUANE

VAUTOUR, DOMINIC, VICE-CHAIR

FOLKINS, MICHELLE

CAVOUKIAN, KRISTIN

OWEN, MARK

MORTON, ALEX

MACLEAN, RANDOLPH J., SUPERINTENDENT & CEO

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



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**ALSO PRESENT:**

STEPHANIE PATTERSON, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

**REGRETS:**

JACQUI EADLE, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

AUBREY KIRKPATRICK, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

**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.

The land acknowledgment was read by Harry Doyle, Chair.

**3. Agenda Approval**

***Moved by DEC member, Michelle Folkins, seconded by DEC member, Kristin Cavoukian, to approve the agenda as presented.***

***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:**

**5.1. June 18, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

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

***Motion Carried***



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5.2. July 6, 2024 – Special Meeting

***Moved by DEC member, Dominic Vautour, seconded by DEC member, Ian Hebblethwaite, to approve the minutes as amended.***

***Motion Carried***

5.3. July 9, 2024 – Special Meeting Ian and Jolene

***Moved by DEC member, Ian Hebblethwaite, seconded by DEC member, Jolyne Knockwood, to approve the minutes as amended.***

***Motion Carried***

## 6. Correspondence

6.1. Filed Notice of Application – July 5, 2024

The Superintendent & CEO of the letter and confirmed the court date November 14.

6.2. Letter from the Minister / Outside Counsel – July 8, 2024

Spoke briefly on the matter.

6.3. Letter from the Minister – Naming of the new West End Moncton School – July 10, 2024

The Superintendent & CEO provided an update on the process and efforts involved in securing the name for the new West End School. Special thanks were extended to Chief Knockwood for his support and guidance, as well as to all provincial Chiefs and those who contributed to the swift completion of this task.

Additionally, the Superintendent & CEO referenced other letters addressing various topics not listed on the agenda.

Added Correspondence:

- On July 30, the Education Specifications were approved.
- On August 15, notification was received that the Minister denied the funding request for the defense of the dissolution.



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7. Business arising from the previous meeting.  
Nothing added for this agenda item.

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

- 8.1. Truth and Reconciliation Week

The Superintendent & CEO – From September 23 to 26, Truth and Reconciliation Week will be observed, with a wide range of events, educational activities, and acknowledgements taking place across all schools and grade levels. September 30 marks National Orange Shirt Day. However, since schools will be closed on that day, Orange Shirt Day will be recognized on Wednesday, September 27.

- 8.2. District Education Council Schedule of meetings

The Superintendent & CEO went over, for a second time since June, the dates of the meetings for the whole school year.

- 8.3. Administrative announcements

The Superintendent & CEO provided information regarding all new administrators appointed since June.

- 8.4. Wabanaki School update

The Superintendent & CEO – The school opened on schedule, though the building is not yet 100% complete. We are gradually adding more spaces, with D Block and the science labs expected to be ready soon. Work on the gym floor is also still in progress.

Kristin had the opportunity to visit the school and provided valuable feedback, particularly regarding the safety measures in place. Mark noted the installation of dividers in the classrooms.

Once we have full access to the building, a grand opening will be held, and members will be invited to participate.



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## 8.5. New Salisbury Elementary design committee

The Superintendent & CEO announced that a design committee will need to be formed, and will include himself, Aubrey Kirkpatrick, possibly two principals, members of the community, and a representative from the Parent School Support Committee (PSSC). He requested that the District Education Council (DEC) nominate a representative to join the committee.

***Mark Owen, a member of the District Education Council (DEC), has nominated Alex Morton, DEC member, to serve as the DEC representative on the New Salisbury Elementary design committee. Kristin Cavoukian, DEC member, has seconded the motion.***

### ***Motion Carried***

## 8.6. New Dieppe K-12 School

The Superintendent & CEO: The design has been approved, and we are currently awaiting confirmation of the land acquisition. Once finalized, we will proceed with the next steps.

## 8.7. Shediac K-12 School

The Superintendent & CEO: We are expecting to review the designs from the architect shortly. In terms of land acquisition, we are collaborating closely with DTI and the Anglican parish.

## 8.8. Monitoring report schedule

The Superintendent & CEO: Provincial assessments are currently under embargo, and until the election; as a result, the monitoring report will be presented in November, during which we will review the information. We also discussed the key indicators that contribute to our success.

## 8.9. District Improvement Plan

This item is for your information and can be reviewed at your convenience.

## 8.10. Caledonia Regional 50th anniversary

The Superintendent & CEO shared details about upcoming events starting this Thursday. Congratulations were extended to the community, Principal, Vice Principal, and all organizers involved. A naming ceremony for the new field is scheduled for this Saturday at noon.



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## **8.11. Enrollment update**

### **8.11.1. Overflow situations**

In 2022, the projected student enrollment was approximately 17,000. As of today, the number has reached 20,088 students. While the enrollment figures have fluctuated since the summer, they remain above 20,000.

The Superintendent & CEO addressed the ongoing teacher shortage, currently around twelve vacancies, acknowledging the challenges it presents. They outlined the steps being taken to address the issue, including exploring various models and solutions to retain current staff and provide necessary support, recognizing that this challenge is not likely to resolve in the near future.

Following a remarks from DEC member, Alex Morton, The Superintendent & CEO provided further explanation, as to what is known and what is being done.

The Superintendent & CEO also responded to questions regarding student overflow, offering detailed explanations about infrastructure and the logistics of bussing students to manage overcrowding.

## **8.12. Journey to Excellence / Summer Learning Institute**

The Superintendent & CEO highlighted the success of the event, noting it was well-attended and received positive feedback. Since holding regular professional learning days wasn't feasible, the Superintendent & CEO introduced this initiative, which saw 61 professional sessions, 53 presenters, and 250 employees participate in a week of learning. Special thanks were extended to Martin Daigle, Principal of Bernice MacNaughton High School, and his team for preparing the school, as well as to everyone involved in organizing the event.

A family BBQ was held on Thursday night, with 150 attendees. The post-event survey results were overwhelmingly positive and complimentary.

Dominic Vautour shared his feedback, having participated on the first day of the event.



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## 8.13. Superintendent's Leadership Team Meetings, August 2024

The Superintendent & CEO – On the 20th, 21st, and 22nd, all 150 participants were invited to start the year. The Elder in Residence, Donna Augustine, opened the event and provided an explanation of the day's significance. An overview was given on the presentations, which followed the specific requests from administrators.

## 8.14. Information items:

8.14.1. Indigenous Education report

8.14.2. Anti-racism report

8.14.3. Professional Support and Growth report

8.14.4. Enrolment Management & Newcomer Services

8.14.5. School staggered entry plans

8.14.6. PSSC meeting dates

***Once we receive all the dates, a revised document will be sent to all members of the DEC.***

These items are accepted and approved in a consent agenda format.

## 9. Director of Human Resources' Report – Jacqui Eadle

9.1. Department updates - Written report

Members are encouraged to read at their convenience in the director's absence.

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

10.1. Department updates – Written report

Members are encouraged to read at their convenience in the director's absence.

## 11. Director of communications' Report – Stephanie Patterson

11.1. Update – Oral report

Discussed the various media opportunities, including interviews and the topics that were covered during those engagements.

11.2. District Education Council – Press Conference, September 18, 2024

Details of the upcoming press conference at Legends have been shared, and all members are warmly invited to attend.



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## 11.3. River of Pride Parade – August 31, 2024

Since 2018, we've participated in the parade, and this year, the Superintendent & CEO had the honor of being the Grand Marshal. It was the largest turnout to date.

## 12. Members' Updates

**Dominic Vautour** – Dominic Vautour shared his appearance on the news over the summer, highlighting the success of the summer learning program. He also discussed the Wabanaki School naming event and the impressive turnout for the "River of Pride" celebration. He emphasized his commitment to attending as many "Meet the Teacher" and PSSC meetings as possible, noting the recent opening of a new playground at Shediac Cape. He congratulated the principal for her efforts in bringing the project to fruition and took a moment to acknowledge the principal's father, who was instrumental in the playground's development. Unfortunately, he has since passed away and did not have the chance to see the beautiful playground.

**Michelle** – No member's update.

**Duane MacDonald** – No updates at this time. Expressed the hope that PSSC meeting dates do not overlap with DEC meetings.

**Ian Hebblethwaite** – Apologized for missing the parade as he was attending his first AUS assignment that day. Noted that PSSC meetings are only now starting.

**Alex Morton** – Reported on a recent PSSC meeting at Salisbury Regional, where they discussed the new drop-off area (Phase 2 of 3). He emphasized the importance of being informed about any future construction plans, as they may need to relocate bulbs and other plants. Overall, he expressed great satisfaction with the developments. Additionally, there's a lot of excitement surrounding the upcoming Mawiomi event.

**Jolynne Knockwood** – Shared details about the upcoming Mawiomi, in Salisbury, noting that they are still seeking dancers. She personally extended an invitation to all members for the Second Youth Mawiomi, September 27, and the Powwow, which will take place on September 28 at Fort Folly First Nation.

**Mark Owen** – Reported briefly, expressing his pleasure in visiting the new school. He also stopped by the Welcome Center and was given an excellent tour. He mentioned that the PSSC elections will conclude next week.





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Kristin Cavoukian – Shared her experience participating in recent media events and expressed the honor of being involved in the Wabanaki Naming Committee. She mentioned that Kim Marr, the Principal of the new Wabanaki School, will soon be seeking members for the PSSC and establishing a Home and School Committee to raise funds for a playground. She conveyed her enthusiasm and happiness to be part of these efforts.

Harry Doyle – Spoke of his pride of the members and their unity. And, of the other districts that did not stay in the race and not providing support. Thanked Dominic for helping with picking up the slack as he was having health issues. Spoke of his disappointment regarding the minister and the meeting help but with no consideration to the questions and requests this DEC had.

**13.** End of meeting

***8:06 pm, motion to adjourn made by Ian Hebblethwaite.***

***Meeting adjourned***