



## Fort Providence District Educational Authority

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### Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 27, 2022

#### **DEA MEMBERS:**

Pearl Leishman, DEA Board Member and Treasurer  
Albertine Canadien, DEA Trustee and Board Member  
Evelyn Sabourin-MacDonald, DEA Board Member

Angela Griffin, DGESS Principal  
Rose M. Squirrel, DEA Secretary  
DDEC, Philip Brulot  
DDEC, Marty Leach

#### **REGRETS:**

Alphonsine Gargan, DEA Chair  
Peter Canadien, DEA Board Member

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 4:07 Pm by DEA Chair, Pearl Leishman.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Angela Griffin offered opening prayer.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

##### **MOTION 2022-16**

Agenda approved as presented  
Moved by: Albertine Canadien  
Seconded by: Evelyn Sabourin-MacDonald

#### **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

##### **MOTION 2022-17**

Agenda approved as presented  
Moved by: Evelyn Sabourin-MacDonald  
Seconded by: Albertine Canadien

#### **DELEGATIONS: N/A**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Tabled until next DEA meeting.

DDEC Superintendent Philippe Brulot and DDEC Assistant Superintendent Marty Leach spoke of the Student Wellness initiatives in the Dehcho. Each acknowledged how students across the NWT are struggling. They spoke of the Report Bullying brunch that occurred on Friday, September 23rd, 2022, at DGESS. They

introduced to the DEA the fiddlers, Yellowknife flutist William Greenland, and the Travelling Stage Show that will visit DGESS this year to help students talk about what is troubling them and to develop artistic outlets as healthy ways of dealing with stress, anxiety and depression.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Principal Griffin presented the Board with items regarding:

1. Health and Safety: (i) Four school suspensions in September 2022; (ii) Health and Safety issues: ● Floor was replaced in the staff room and one office off the main office; and the Fire Marshal reported issues that DPW must address; (iii) The school principal has completed the Safe School Plan with Safe School Committee members and it has been submitted for DDEC approval; (iv) DGESS Safe School Committee meets monthly.

2. Literacy: (i) DGESS completed District Student Write (DSW) in September; (ii) Assessment data was entered on September 30th, 2022; (iii) DGESS will continue with the Reading and Writing Literacy initiatives rolled out by the DDEC in the last three years; (iv) We have story time and reading after school for one hour in the library and on the weekends; and (v) The school principal has completed the School Improvement Plan with goals for Literacy.

3. Wellness: (i) DGESS hosted a community brunch for the Erase Bullying Tour on Friday, September 23rd, 2022. Mahsi Cho for attending; (ii) CYCC, Dafne Blanco-Sarlay is in the process of getting the passports for the Mexico Kindness/Connectedness trip; (iii) Some after school activities have resumed. More to come; (iv) Dental visits are to occur in October 2022; (v) The school principal has completed the School Improvement Plan with goals for Wellness; and (vi) The school is focusing on Social Emotional Learning curriculum goals.

4. Inclusive Schooling: (i) SSPs/IEPs are due September 29th, 2022; (ii) SLP and OT appointments are to occur in October; (iii) Class Reviews took place in September 2022; and (iv) The school principal has completed the School Improvement Plan with goals for Inclusion.

5. Language and Culture: (i) The bulletin boards in the school have been updated and continue to reflect Dene language and culture; (ii) An Elder and drummers came to open the school at a Feeding of the Fire ceremony; (iii) We continue to further Indigenize curriculum in every classroom with the help of Indigenous Program Support Teacher Della Beck, RILE Sharon Allen, and a lesson plan template Sharon asks teachers to use; and (iv) The school principal has completed the School Improvement Plan with goals for Language and Culture and she has also completed the Indigenous Language Education (ILE) Operating Plan and submitted that for approval.

6. Professional Development: (i) Language immersion teachers were in PD for one week in September. (ii) Angela took a Restorative Practice (healing circles) course September 15th and 16th, 2022; and (iii) DGESS staff continue to participate in the Literacy PD with DDEC Literacy Coordinator, Pauline Gilmour.

7. Staffing: ● The Grade 6/7 teacher declined the job in late August. Cassandra Richards is subbing in Grade 6/7. The school principal has requested that the Grade 6/7 position be posted. ● James Omowumi is the Grade 8/9 for this year; ● Jessica Minoza is the part-time librarian and is also working as a high school sub. The school principal has requested that the humanities position be posted; ● Cynthia Landy is the Northern Distance Learning (NDL) e-learning monitor; ● Belinda Sabourin resigned as the part-time custodian to return to

subbing. The part-time custodian position is being posted. I can hire a casual custodian in the meantime. Evelyn Head agreed to sub as a custodian as needed; ● Juan Carlos Sanchez-Gonzalez has been subbing in the Grade 6/7 class as an Student Assistant. The school principal has requested that the SA position be posted; ● Morgan Elleze, Sadeedi Gargan, Elvira Bonnetrouge, and Evelyn Head are subs for the school along with Cassandra Richrds, Jessica Minoza and Belinda Sabourin. ● We should consider hiring a lunch lady. Veronica no longer wants to do it. I owe her a debt of gratitude for all she has done to date for me in this capacity.

8. Funding: I have the following funding: ● \$22,054.81 for cultural/Elder funding, which includes Elders in the school funding; ● \$13,260 for Healthy Food for Learning; ● \$13,636 for Resiliency; and ● \$15,300 for Active After School. ● \$12,000+ remains at M/R Market from the emergency food funding I received last year; and ● I've applied for an additional \$13,000 in food funding and am looking for more.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: NA**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. DEA Election December 2022.

Secretary will check with Rosemary Minoza and more information on Elections Officer.

Principal Angela Griffin said that she had the School Secretary do errands for her and said that she will not have her to particular errands the next time.

2. Approval of hiring of hiring Lunch Lady and Alternative to Suspension (ATS)

ATS, to hire Elders to take them out on the land and talk to them about dene laws, coach and monitor them. General Discussion on out the land on risk assessments.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Correspondence from Joyce McLeod.

2. Janitorial Position.

Agreed to advertise for part-time position as Janitor. There is also a concern about the interview Questions that do not apply to janitorial work to look into.

3. Funeral Policy.

Agreed that a draft policy in place to close the School down in the afternoons when there is funeral in the community.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** October 25, 2022 @4 PM at DGESS.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Moved by Albertine Canadien to adjourn at 5:22 PM.