

ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sustainability Study – Meeting # 1
Kingsclear Consolidated School
Meeting Notes
Thursday, March 2, 2017
6:30 p.m.

<p>Council Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miriam Grant – SD 04 • Andrew Corey – SD 05 • Stephanie Haslam – SD 06 • Terry Pond – SD 07 • Sean Winslow – SD 08 • Jane Buckley – SD 09 • Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Chair • Wallace Carr – SD 12 <p>Council Member Regrets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheila Gallagher – SD 01 • Andy Saunders – SD 02 • Heather Hogan – SD 03 • Faith Kennedy – SD 11 • Mark Noël – SD 13 • Darrah Beaver – First Nations 	<p>ASD-W Staff Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David McTimoney, Superintendent • Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration • Daniel Wishart, Transportation Manager • Mark Manderson, Assistant Transportation Manager • Sue Young, Supervisor of Data and Accountability • Jason Humprey, Director of Communication • Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC <p>Guests: Approximately 35 Community Members</p>
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➤ **Sustainability Study – Kingsclear Consolidated School – Meeting #1**

- Kimberley Douglass, District Education Chair, welcomed everyone to the first Sustainability Study public meeting for Kingsclear Consolidated School. Kimberley thanked the Principal and staff of Kingsclear Consolidated School for their hospitality and tour of the school prior to the meeting.
- David McTimoney, Superintendent of ASD-W presented a 46 page power point presentation called Kingsclear Consolidated School Sustainability Study. This presentation can be found along with other pertinent documents and information related to the sustainability study of Kingsclear Elementary School on our website www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/sustainability/pages/kingsclear
- The next public meeting at Kingsclear Consolidated School will be held on **Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** where stakeholders will be given the opportunity to present to the District Education Council. A stakeholder form is posted on Anglophone West School District website. This document needs to be completed and sent to Carol Clark-Caterini one week prior to that meeting. The final meeting will be on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at a location to soon be announced.
- Three outcomes included in Policy 409 are to remain status quo (where the study is declared finished), to make a recommendation to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to invest in repairs for the school, and thirdly, a recommendation to close the school and place students elsewhere (in 2017 or 2018 or move students to a new school in Hanwell, if and when it is built).

➤ **Public Comments and Questions**

- Is this a clinical study where the numbers will make a decision or if we voice our opinion enough it could sway the decision? The DEC takes their role seriously; they take everything into account and listen to all the information provided.
- Hanwell Road School – where do those students come from? Hanwell area students currently attend Priestman Street Elementary School.
- In regards to the list of recommendations made, are there any discussions to bring French Immersion to this school and are there any discussion on re-zoning? Policy 309, Section 6.4 speaks to an interest from the schools to offer French Immersion. It has to be sustainable and this school had 6 students interested, which is too small. There will be no catchment area study at this time.
- What about the students who live in the Deerwood subdivision that travel 50 minutes to Priestman Street School that could attend Kingsclear Consolidated School, which is closer? David asked for information on this and he will pass this information along to the Transportation Department to review. However, we will not take on a catchment area study at this time.
- Closure Item Timeline – where did this recommendation come from? Your committee. What would happen with the timeline if it was June 2017 closure which is within the deadline? If the Council recommend a 2017 closure, an expedited request would be made of the Minister for approval.
- Jane Buckley spoke as a DEC Councilor to be interested in hearing different scenarios.
- In Policy 409, recommendations to the Minister needed to be done prior to January 2017, there is less time now. This is our only study we are focused on now and we will do it well. In the past we have done 3 – 4 studies a year that caused us to be bogged down in studies. Timeline is a factor that the Council has to think about.
- Daycare plans have been made for the fall. If French Immersion was offered here, the student enrollment would be increased.
- How is information communicated to parents? The Superintendent communicates by a letter to all parents.
- What would cause such an immediate decision? A vote by council.
- Minister is to give 30 days to make a decision; is this not a due process? David believed that it should be 30-60 days, but provision for quicker if warranted.

- Mr. MacDonald, MLA added that re-zoning will not be considered at this time, but can the end of the city be considered where Garden Creek Elementary School is receiving a mobile? The Ernst & Young study captured that portion of the study.
 - Mr. MacDonald, MLA, commented that the Mactaquac Dam will be refurbished which will bring more people to this area. However, the Province did not have a predicted model which he would like to see.
 - Combining Garden Creek Elementary School and Kingsclear Consolidated School; a modular will be added leaving only 16 classrooms; but 18 classrooms are needed. This will be the decision of Council.
 - Projects for Kingsclear Consolidated School mentioned asbestos, what is the safety plan for this school? Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration, responded that any asbestos removal, that would need to happen, would be carried out this summer. The Council will look at every slide when making their decision.
 - It was said that a developer in the community was consulted. Where will the changes be? An extension to the street behind the school.
 - Priestman Street School is over 100% capacity. Yes, additional mobiles are to be added this summer.
 - City Councilor for this area asked why there was such a rush on this school as the Hanwell area school had not even been built.
 - Thank you for the invitation to attend this study review and the efforts. Hanwell is 5–6 years from now and Garden Creek Elementary School is at 90% plus, this does not give a lot of room, and we have a building here now, this could be a K-2 school or for students that live way out. Any thought to this? We looked at the Ernst & Young study and are not looking at a catchment area review at this time.
 - Are we doing this backwards, study and then catchment? The report by the consultant gave us some catchment data.
 - Have DEC adopted all of the recommendations of the E & Y study? No, the Hanwell recommendation, so far, has been adopted and we will address as needed.
 - What triggered catchment area reviews? For Leo Hayes High School it was overcrowding.
- **Closing Comments:**
- David McTimoney, Superintendent, asked if there were any other question that needed to be clarified. The Superintendent reminded the community to be prepared for the next public meeting in April by completing the Stakeholder Registration form and forwarding this document to carol.clark-caterini@gnb.ca one week in advance of the meeting with details of who will be presenting to the District Education Council. Contact information was provided in the presentation for the public.
 - The Superintendent's power point presentation was posted to the sustainability study website for Kingsclear Consolidated School that evening.
 - Kimberley Douglass, Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their questions and comments.
- **Date for Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – Meeting # 2**
- **The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**