



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sustainability Study

Bath Community School

Meeting Notes

Saturday, November 30, 2019

9:00 AM

<p>Council Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Saunders – SD 02 • Heather Hogan – SD 03 • Miriam Grant – SD 04 • Andrew Corey – SD 05 • Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair • Kimberley Douglass – SD 10 – Chair • Faith Kennedy – SD 11 • Wallace Carr – SD 12 <p>Council Member Regrets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanya Adams – SD 01 • Laura O’Brien – SD 06 • Sean Winslow – SD 08 • Thomas Geburt – SD 13 • David Perley – First Nations <p>Vacant Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD 07 	<p>ASD-W Staff Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David McTimoney, Superintendent • Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration • Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools – WEC • Judy Cole, Director of Communication • Susan Young, Supervisor of Data and Accountability • Angus Smith, Facilities Manager • Daniel Wishart, Transportation Manager • Kyle Harris, Assistant Facilities Manager • Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and District Education Council • IT Support (2) <p>School Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitchell Hemphill, Principal • 4 Teachers <p>Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 Community Members
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➤ **Sustainability Study – Bath Community School – Meeting #1:**

- Kimberley Douglass, District Education Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the first Sustainability Study meeting for Bath Community School at 9:10 a.m. and Councillor introductions were provided. Chairperson Douglass apologized for the meeting starting late and that a school tour would follow the meeting.
- David McTimoney, Superintendent of ASD-W presented a power point presentation called Bath Community School Sustainability Study. David reviewed and discussed the content of the slides on school history, statistics and financial data. This presentation can be found, along with other pertinent documents and information related to the sustainability study of Bath Community School on our website under the sustainability studies tab. <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/sustainability/Pages/BathCommunity.aspx>
- Three possible outcomes were outlined; maintain status quo at Bath Community School, provide repairs to Bath Community School, close Bath Community School and include students in a new K-8 school with location and catchment areas to be determined during the Major Capital process.
- In 2012, when ASD-W amalgamated, combined student enrollment for Bath Middle School and Bath Elementary School was 195. Current student enrollment at Bath Community School is 128.
- Teaching staff at Bath Community School for the 2019-2020 school year is 11.20 FTE which includes a top-up by ASD-W. The Provincial staffing formula allows for 10.57 FTE. Support staff equate to 8.24 FTE.
- The functional capacity at Bath Community School for 2018-2019 is 68%. Capital investments since 2010 amount to \$495, 281.00. Capital Improvement projects up for consideration amount to \$577, 496.00 and facilities operational costs were \$138, 585.00 in the 2018-19 fiscal year. The assigned global budget for Bath Community School is \$27,556.00 and projected salaries for the 2019-2020 fiscal year are 1,250,886.00. The total operating cost for this school for the 2018-2019 fiscal year is \$1,660,224.00.
- Councillor Saunders asked what challenges would be erased should students be moved to the previous Bath Middle School. The Superintendent responded that additional space would be the largest piece that would improve, with a bigger gymnasium and facility.
- A review of next steps was provided with a second public meeting being held on **January 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM** and the final public meeting (# 3) on **March 19, 2020** at Carleton North High School. The District Education Council

will make a recommendation to the Province on the school's future at that time. Government will consider the recommendation and a decision will be communicated.

➤ **Public Comments and Questions:**

- Andrew Harvey, MLA, asked for clarification on the 3.8 M renovation statement regarding the Bath Middle School. This amount seemed high as he believed the cost was approximately 1.7 M. with the additional cost being eliminated in phase II. David clarified the renovation costs. A document will be shared on the site.
- A community member asked for clarification with the difference in teacher salaries from 2018-19 to 2019-20. It was noted that all salaries run on a fiscal year, ending on March 31st, and not a school year.
- A community member commented that all school challenges outlined on page 21 would be eliminated if the construction was to continue on the previous Bath Middle School.
- A community member asked why another discussion was being had when the same study was completed 4 years ago. A request was made to have the blueprints of the Bath Middle School, as it stands, not with the additional renovations. Chairperson Douglas responded that the previous study should have included the larger scope of the region and the unforeseen construction circumstances of the Bath Middle School. Vice Chairperson Buckley acknowledged that it was not the direction of this Government for the District Education Council to study these schools again, rather it was the decision of the Council to not study the Town of Oromocto schools as this community needed a school that could properly house the students in this region.
- **Action:** A request was made for clarification on the cost of Bath Middle School construction project.
- Media asked the future of the Step Ahead Program should a new school be built. Chairperson Douglass noted that this program was not part of the public-school K-12 program but rather a separate business serving early childhood needs.
- It was asked if the recommendation made was to close the four schools and build a new school, where would it be placed on the priority lists? Chairperson Douglass responded that DTI and EECD prioritize projects regardless of the Council's recommendations.
- It was noted that government will need to decide whether to continue with the Bath Middle School project. The Council can recommend to Government to stand by their decision to create a K-8 school at Bath Middle School, however, the Government will decide on whether to continue with their financial contributions.
- A community member asked who decided to exclude Centreville Elementary School. Chairperson Douglass responded that they had based their decision on the recent investment made at this school and that enrollment would exceed 900 students which is a very large amount for a K-8 school.
- A concern of building repairs being needed now was brought forward by the former Bath Middle School Principal. Considering the timeframe to build a new school, what happens if something breaks. The community was assured of ASD-W Facilities Department regularly checking the building for needed repairs and the work will continue to maintain a healthy, safe environment for students.

➤ **Closing Comments:**

- The District Education Council Chairperson reminded the community to be prepared for the next public meeting on January 25, 2020, by completing the stakeholder registration form available at the entrance of the school or on the ASD-W Bath Community School Sustainability Study website. Once completed, this document needs to be submitted to carol.clark-caterini@nbed.nb.ca one week in advance of the meeting with details of who will be presenting to the District Education Council.
- The Superintendent's power point presentation will also be posted to the Bath Community School Sustainability Study website along with other pertinent documents for review. An e-mail address, asdwsustainability@nbed.nb.ca was provided for communication with the district along with the mailing address and contact phone number.
- The community was thanked for their attendance today and for their questions and comments.

➤ **Date for Next Meeting: Saturday, January 25, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. – Bath Community School - Meeting # 2**

➤ **The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.**