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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 9:52 PM
To: Karen Guest
Cc: (ASD-W) Sustainability Contact; Shaw, Norma (ASD-W-DEC); Clark-Caterini, Carol (ASD-W); Gallagher, Sheila (ASD-W-DEC); Sullivan, Gerald (ASD-W); Rachel Smith; Derrah, Rebecca; Sean Kilfoil; Scott Oakes
Subject: RE: Policy 409 Bath Postponement request

Hello Karen and everyone,

I presented your email at the public DEC meeting tonight. The DEC concluded that we can postpone Public Meeting #2 to a date of Thursday, April 9th. With this, we will cancel March 26th. I will write to the parents of both schools formally...either tomorrow or Monday...but it is public knowledge. At this time, we still expect the study will conclude on April 23.

If requests for the agenda could come in by the end of the day on Tuesday, April 7th, that would be helpful. With this, we won't present the agenda with the reminder letter, but we will post it when it is ready and have it on hand that night.

Thanks
David

From: Karen Guest [karen_speer@hotmail.com]
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Dear DEC Members,

On behalf of the Bath Elementary and Bath Middle PSSCs I would like to ask for the following request be added to the March 19th 2015 DEC meeting agenda.

We, the BES and BMS PSSCs, are formally requesting a postponement of the current sustainability study being done on our schools. Our PSSCs feel we have several legitimate reasons to ask for this postponement. In the original timeline, announced on October 24th 2014, for a sustainability study (policy 409) on Bath Middle School the community and school was allotted 5 months for the study. We are asking for the same consideration to be given to the Bath Elementary PSSC, school and families. We are not asking for status quo. We are asking for the same timeline as other schools in NB, that are currently under a Sustainability Study. We have only been given approximately half the time to prepare for Public meeting #2. A postponement would allow the affected schools, parents, community groups etc. the time necessary to make a thoughtful, well considered and well educated presentation to the DEC. We feel extremely rushed in this process given the challenges listed below.

1. The amendment to policy 409, made on January 23rd of this year, to formally include Bath Elementary in the existing review of Bath Middle with minimal changes to the

existing timeline did not provide either committee with adequate time to review and plan for the stakeholder's presentations. Time delays: March break and 8 storm days prohibited committees from meeting regularly or as scheduled.

3. BES Principal on leave: one of our main sources of information gathering and connection to ASD-W is currently unavailable to us. This leaves us feeling compromised, and missing a key person in our planning.
4. Delivery time of requested information from ASD-W: slow and sometimes inadequate information has left the committees with minimal time to review and consider the content to be able to respond accordingly.

Proposed changes to the BMS floor plan to accommodate the extra students have not been available even after being told they will be available and planning a meeting to discuss these changes. Receiving this information late on March 18 leaves us with only one week to review and discuss these plans.

The PSSC committees of the two affected schools, Step Ahead, Village of Bath and all other affected parties involved, want to have ample time to work together. We want to be part of the decision making process to create a newborn to grade 8 facility that meets the needs of ALL the children within our community. The Quality of Education is of the utmost importance.

Sincerely,
Karen Guest
PSSC Chair for Bath Elementary School