



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 20, 2020
Office of the Superintendent**

Council Members Present:

- Tanya Adams – SD 01
- Heather Hogan – SD 03 (by phone)
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- Sean Winslow – SD 08
- Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair
- Kimberley Douglass – SD 10 – Chair
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11
- Thomas Geburt – SD 13
- David Perley – First Nations

Council Member Regrets:

- Andy Saunders – SD 02
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Laura O'Brien – SD 06
- Wallace Carr – SD 12

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance & Administration
- Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools, Woodstock Education Centre
- Daniel Wishart, Transportation Manager
- Angus Smith, Facilities Manager
- Sue Young, Data & Accountability Supervisor
- Anna Marie Hayes, Director of Early Childhood Services
- Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Matt McGuire, Subject Coordinator, Technology and Skilled Trades
- Judy Cole, Director of Communications
- Janice Webber, Acting Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & DEC

Guests:

- Media (0)
- Public (2)

Vacancies:

- Vacant – Sub-district 7
- Vacant – Student Representative

Call to Order / Comments by the Chair:

- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at **6:37 p.m.** Those in attendance were welcomed and Councillor Douglass recognized that this meeting and ASD-W schools were held on unceded and unsurrendered Wolastoquey territory.

Approval of the Agenda – February 20, 2020:

- The agenda was reviewed by Council and approved by consensus, with a change in order of the Presentations.

Approval of the Minutes – January 16, 2020:

- The minutes were reviewed by Council and approved by consensus.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **Carleton North Area Sustainability Studies Update** - The Superintendent informed those in attendance that the first and second meetings for all four schools in the Carleton North area have been completed. A reminder was given of all documents related to these four school studies can be found on the ASD-W website. In addition, public comments can be made, pertaining to these studies, on the website or by reaching out to the Superintendent. The third meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19th, at the Public DEC meeting, at Carleton North High School at 6:30 p.m. At that time the Superintendent would present an executive summary of the process and possible recommendations and will look for a motion. The motion may be for status quo, an investment in one or more schools, for closure of a school(s), or to build a new school. A recommendation beyond status quo requires that the DEC provide a recommendation to Minister of EECD.
 - Costs to Date – Clarification regarding the Bath School was provided. EECD and DTI have confirmed with ASD-W staff that approximately 40% of the project was completed when the project was stopped. Approximately \$3.4M had been invested to that time. The projected cost to complete the project is \$4.1M plus an additional \$1M to complete Phase 2. Costs for asbestos removal are included in these totals.
 - Distance to Travel – With the option to build a new K-8 school in the area, the longest distance to travel from Bristol/Bath to a new school (i.e. Carleton North High School area) would be an additional 6.6 km. The extra distance from Florenceville Elementary to Carleton North area, for example, would be an additional 8 km.
 - Catchment – If a change in catchment area is recommended, the Superintendent would review the options with staff, present to the public, and request support from the District Education Council.

- Population – There has been a decline in the population at Bath Elementary (built in 1967) and Bath Middle School (built in 1954), as shown in information provided at Public Meeting #1, a decline from 180 to 140. The September 30th official enrollment for 2019-2020 is 128. Population in Florenceville-Bristol has remained steady.
- DEC can make recommendations about student placement when making their decision.
- If a school becomes vacant as a result of the recommendation, the DEC declares the facility surplus and it is returned to the government.
- Educational Specifications for all new schools include an Early Years education room. The Early Years program operated in Bath does not pay rent, based on an agreement made at the beginning of the program coming into effect.
- Questions can be asked up to and including March 19th to make an informed decision.
- The process for conducting Sustainability Studies is prescribed under EECD Policy 409: Multi-Year School Infrastructure Planning.

Presentations:

- **Curricular and Program** – Subject Coordinator for Technology, Skilled Trades and Co-Op commented on programs offered in ASD-W - innovation in Technology, the Trades program is building, Co-Op program is successful and leading into virtual realms, and there are increased opportunities for students in rural schools. A demonstration was provided of the AR sandbox, which helps students problem solve topics such as climate change.
- **Wolastoqey Identity** – Councilor Perley explained that conversations continue with First Nation students in schools to help them know who they are and to be proud of who they are. Talking Circles in First Nation communities remind students to connect with their ancestors and creator. Once they have the pride in who they are, academic performance is improved. He explained the different levels to help determine identity - *Wetapeksi* – Where I came from.
 - *Skicin* – earth walker – respect mother earth
 - *Waponuhkew* – people of the dawn land – sunrise ceremony – give thanks for light, heat, warmth
 - *Wolastoqew* – beautiful and bountiful river
 - *Neqotkukew* – Tobique
 - *Malsom/Palehwicik* – clan – matriarchal lineage – wolf (dedication/devotion)
 - *Spiqituwiyat Cocahq* – spirit flies high above mother earth – gift of vision. A spirit name is earned by focusing on the spirit while fasting – a four-year process. (Year 1: 1 day fast (no food/water); Year 2: 2 day fast; Year 3: 3 day fast; Year 4: 4 day fast.
 - *Colonial / Christian Name* – want to earn their own spirit name, rebuilding cultural foundation.

Correspondence:

- A request has been received from Stacey Brown to submit outstanding claims for the Spring Symposium prior to the end of the fiscal year. An email reminder will be forwarded to DEC members.
- A letter from Hubbard School was received today, which will be passed on to the Superintendent. The concerns will be reviewed during the capital improvement project list preparation. When the legislature goes back, information on capital improvement projects will be released for review by School Districts and DEC.

New Business:

- Councilor Geburt asked for an update on the status of the new PSSC Handbook. EECD is currently working on updates to the DEC Handbook. It is anticipated the PSSC Handbook will be completed once the DEC Handbook is prepared. There is reference in the green paper to changes to governance structure.

Superintendent Monitoring Reports:

- **ASD-W ER 2.3 – Healthy Living** – The Superintendent presented his report of ASD-W-ER 2.3, Healthy Living, as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report on learning opportunities and programs, and promotion of healthy living practices, is presented annually and is posted publicly on the ASD-W website. Included in this report is information on delivery of courses, health related courses K-8 and 9-12 report card data, inConfidence program, and Student Wellness Survey data (completed once every three years). Clarification was provided that Wellness Survey data is shown in percentages. This was not identified on the chart. *A correction to the Agenda is required for the Report number – from EL2 to ER2.*
- **Council Self Evaluation:** Council Staff Relations ASD-W SCR 1.0 to ASD-W CSR 1.4

Committee Reports:

- **District Health Advisory Committee** – Councilor Adams provided an overview of discussions from the DHAC meeting held on February 12, 2020. The Committee may be interested in using the DEC format for talking to students. An improved format for better communications with parents is being reviewed.
- **Policy Committee** – Councillor Winslow will identify changes required to the ASD-W Code of Conduct Policy.

Public Comments:

- **Public Comments** – Mr. R. Andrews was in attendance and commented on the welcoming nature of the DEC meetings to the public. His questions will be presented to the Superintendent for response.

Closing Comments:

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and a reminder was given of the upcoming public meeting in March.

Date of Next Public Meeting:

- The next public meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 19, 2020, at Carleton North High School, at 6:30 p.m.**

MOTION:

.... I move that the District Education Council meeting be adjourned.

MOVED BY:

MOTION CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

Date

Carol Clark-Caterini for J. Webber

Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant, DEC

May 8, 2020

Date