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## Santa comes first: School meeting pushed ahead



In this file photo, superintendent of Anglophone West School District David McTimoney gives a presentation on the sustainability study for Florenceville Middle School. The next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Nov. 30 at Bath Community School.

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Old Saint Nick's visit to Florenceville-Bristol has resulted in a change of time for one of the sustainability study meetings being hosted by the Anglophone West District Education Council (DEC).

During a public meeting in Woodstock on Nov. 21, the DEC voted to change the time of the meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. on Nov. 30 at Bath Community School to 9 a.m. to allow residents to attend the meeting if they wished and still make it to the town's Santa Claus parade planned for 11 a.m.

The 1 p.m. meeting at Bristol Elementary scheduled for that day remains unchanged.

So far, the series of meetings for the Carleton North schools is going well, superintendent David McTimoney said after the meeting.

"I feel good about the way the study has gone so far," he said. "We have two behind us and two ahead of us. Those are the first rounds of meetings where staff shares information with the council in a public format so everyone can hear. We have been working very hard in organizing the information, keeping our website accurate, so of preparing the report as we go."

Moving the meetings to Saturdays seems like a good decision, McTimoney added.

"Our first experience was positive," he said. "We know people are busy at all times. They're busy on Thursday evenings, they're busy on Saturdays. There'll be those who can make it. Those who can't, but still have an interest, have the opportunity to review the presentations and engage in other ways. We were interested in trying it this way and we're hopeful it's been a good experience."

McTimoney is looking forward to the second round of meetings in the new year.

"It'll be very interesting to hear from the public on their thoughts when it comes to the sustainability of these schools," he said.