



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
Fredericton Inn & Conference Centre
Public Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2022**

Council Members Present:

- Tanya Adams – Sub-district 1
- Serena Bradford – Sub-district 5
- Paul MacIntosh – Sub-district 6
- Janet Dean – Sub-district 8
- Michael Mazerolle – Sub-district 9
- Chris Harquail – Sub-district 10
- Jim Mills – Sub-district 11
- Wallace Carr – Sub-district 12, Vice Chairperson
- Thomas Geburt – Sub-district 13, Chairperson
- Hayden Sparkes – Student Representative

Council Member Regrets:

- Tanya Cloutier – Sub-district 4
- Amgad Hanafy-Salem - Sub-district 7
- David Perley – First Nations Councillor

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Darla Day, Director of Schools – FEC
- Gina Dunnett, Director of Schools - OEC
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Karen Morton, Director of Human Resources
- Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Catherine Blaney, Director of Education Support Services
- Anna Marie Hayes, Director of Early Childhood Services
- Jennifer Read, Director of Communications
- Susan Young, Data and Accountability Supervisor
- Daniel Wishart, Transportation Manager
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & DEC

Guest:

- Members of the Public (4)
- Media (1)

Vacancy:

- Sub-district 2
- Sub-district 3

Call to Order:

- Thomas Geburt, Chairperson, called the public meeting to order at **6:33 PM.**

Welcome & Comments by the Chairperson:

- Chairperson Geburt, on behalf of the Council, acknowledged that, with the exception of one, the land on which Anglophone West School District schools, are located is the traditional unceded and unsurrendered territory of Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet). This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship which the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Wolastoqey (Maliseet), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

Introductions:

- Councillor Geburt welcomed Councillors and he acknowledged those from the public in attendance. Superintendent McTimoney introduced the Senior Administration Team and staff from the district office in attendance.

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was previously reviewed by the Council and revisions were made to include the removal of the Circle of Understanding presentation as Councillor Perley was absent, and the addition under correspondence to include a letter that was written to the Minister regarding the recent vacancy in Sub-district 3 (Town of Woodstock area). Including these revisions, the agenda was approved by consensus.

MOTION:

..... to approve the agenda including the mentioned revisions.

MOVED BY: Mike Mazerolle SECONDED BY: Hayden Sparks MOTION CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes – July 4, 2022:

- The minutes were previously reviewed by the Council and approved by consensus.
- Chairperson Geburt acknowledged the schedule, that was provided by Councillor Perley, for the 2022-2023 Circle of Understanding presentations.
- Chairperson Geburt informed the Council that Susan Young, Data and Accountability Supervisor, will attend the working meeting on October 6th to provide CLEVR training.
- Chairperson Geburt acknowledged the Council's request for additional presentations had been scheduled. These presentations include Early Childhood (Nov. 2022), Education Support Services (Jan. 2023) and Community Schools (Mar. 2023).
- The DEC Symposium will be held in Fredericton on Nov 25 & 26, 2022. The July 4, 2022, minutes reflect this retraction and the member of the public had been notified of the Symposium dates.
- Chairperson Geburt confirmed that the PSSC Attendance Policy would be discussed tonight.

MOTION:

..... to approve the minutes as distributed.

MOVED BY: Serena Bradford SECONDED BY: Tanya Adams MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- There was no business to discuss from the previous meeting minutes.

Presentations:

Curriculum & Program Presentation: High School Changes - D. Kay, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

- Numerous changes have occurred in the New Brunswick high school system over the past 10 years, and these changes have been categorized into four categories, *Personalized and Flexible Course Offerings, Experiential Learning Opportunities, Use of Technology and Recognition of Culture and Languages*. A publication called Portrait of a Learner was shown to the Council and copies were made available.
- Dianne informed the Council of the many programs and credit options now available to students, such as, Challenge for Credit, Personal Interest Course 1 & 2, Independent Study, Dual Credit Courses, and the Early Start Credits.
- Dianne informed the Council of an initiative, called the Early Start Credits program, where provincial high schools have partnered with post-secondary institutions that offer university credits (not high school credits) to students who will be continuing their education. As well, the New Brunswick Community College (NBCC) Math course counts towards high school graduation and a community college program.
- The Centre of Excellence partnership informs students of career opportunities through virtual and experiential learning opportunities in energy, health, and entrepreneurship. The Essential Skills Achievement Pathway (ESAP) is offered in 43 of 49 Provincial high schools, and at the Grade 10 level. The Coop and Virtual Coop 120 course allows students to stay in their school and connect through a mentorship. A online education and career planner, called My Blueprint, is available. Summer Learning opportunities to upgrade a course mark or take courses that have not previously been taken by the student are also available. Culture and languages courses, including First Nations, are now available. Early Adoptive Schools are exploring additional ways to enhance programming, support, personalized learning and flexibility in student scheduling.
- The Chairperson thanked Dianne for the informative presentation and there were no questions asked by the Council.

Circle of Understanding:

- Due to the absence of Councillor Perley, the Circle of Understanding presentation was postponed until the next public meeting in October.

Superintendent Reports:

Superintendent Report (1 of 1) – ASD-W-EL0: Global Executive Limitations

- The Superintendent presented the report *ASD-W-EL0: Global Executive Limitations*, as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented one time per year and is posted publicly on the ASD-W website and the DEC Portal.

- The Superintendent informed the Council that, at this time, the new ASD-W Website does not allow us to include the links, to documents mentioned on the last page of the report, however, Councillors can access these reports on the DEC Portal and members of the public can access these documents by contacting our office.

Superintendent Report (1 of 1) – ASD-W-EL1: Emergency Superintendent Successions

- The Superintendent presented the report *ASD-W-EL1: Emergency Superintendent Succession*, as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented one time per year and is posted publicly on the ASD-W website and DEC portal. The Superintendent fulfilled the requirement to advise the Council of the individual names in the private session.

Superintendent Report (1 of 1) – ASD-W-ER2: Mission, Vision, and Core Values

- The Superintendent presented the report *ASD-W-ER2: Mission, Vision and Core Values*, as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented one time per year and is posted publicly on the ASD-W website and DEC Portal. The Superintendent informed the Council that the District Plan has been delayed as the assessment results were just released today and that this information needs to be incorporated in the new 3-Year District Plan (2022-2025). It was noted that the Council had approved two consecutive 1-Year District Plans during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Superintendent intends to revisit the Mission, Vision and Core Values statement to include the voices of the ASD-W staff, students and District Education Council.
- Councillor Carr referenced the 1476 Child & Youth referrals that were submitted during the 2021-2022 school year. At the end of June 2022, there were 273 students waiting to be served.
- The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development provided an increase in Education Support staff, School Counsellors and Resource Teachers, Social Workers, Speech Language Pathologists, and Behaviour Mentors.

New Business:

Superintendents Update on the New School Year & Staffing:

- The Superintendent shared interesting statistics about ASD-W since the amalgamation in 2012. The ASD-W Fast Facts and Snapshot documents is posted publicly on the ASD-W website and DEC Portal.

Kingsclear Consolidated School (KCS) / Hanwell Park Academy (HPA):

- The Superintendent shared a presentation called *KCS and HPA – A DEC Update*. This presentation included the history of the building, recent renovations and future capital needs that cost approximately \$1.5 M. It was noted that capital needs in all 70 schools across ASD-W will cost approximately \$67M. The Superintendent stated that all ASD-W schools will remain safe and maintained.
- The Superintendent acknowledged enrollment at KCS has increase since 2016, with the highest enrollment reported in 2010 with 117 students enrolled. KCS is built for 168 students, 58 students are eligible for busing, and 6 school buses service KCS.
- 44 French Immersion (FI) students from the KCS catchment area attend Garden Creek Elementary School (GCES) and 3 students attend GCES as an out of catchment placement who are not FI students.
- A Policy 409 Feasibility Study was conducted in 2017, with the decision deferred until October 2018. In October 2018, a decision by the Council was to support the sentiment of the parent community to keep KCS open and they requested an infrastructure investment. In May 2019 & May 2020 the Council included a request on the Major Capital Construction Project priority list, that was processed at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and assigned a level of priority.
- The Superintendent informed those in attendance that the staff at KCS were caring, very dedicated and professional individuals. This year a new Administrator has joined the staff at KCS, and she is very excited to begin new programs and spruce the school-up by requesting painting to be done in classrooms and on playground equipment, and new technology to be added to their existing technology devices.
- The Superintendent showed the HPA catchment area and noted that this school was designed for 650 students at 80% capacity. HPA is a K – 8 school that offers Early FI. The enrollment report on September 20, 2022, reflected 548 students. The Superintendent noted that the responsibility of determining a school catchment area is stated in the Education Act, Section 11 (1).
- Results of the KCS parent survey will be provided to the Council at a future meeting once the data is analyzed and decisions are made. This survey will run from September 27 to October 4, 2022.

District Plan Update:

- The Superintendent reiterated that the ASD-W District Plan is approximately 90% complete with the Provincial Assessment results remaining to be included. The District Plan is a public document that will be shared soon.

DEC Goals for 2022-2023:

- As stated in the September 23, 2021, Public DEC Minutes, the following three DEC priorities were approved:
 1. We will continue to support the Superintendent by reinforcing our commitment to support the social, emotional learning and well-being of all staff and students in ASD-West with accessible mental health tools and resources.
 2. Acknowledging the ever-present issue of the aging infrastructure of our District schools, the Council will need to be mindful that even though things are old, they still have value while at the same time seek to balance the maintenance costs of old versus new facilities, particularly in our current fiscal as well as physical climate.
 3. The Council will continue our efforts to become more aware of the history, culture and teachings of our First Nations and will support efforts to acknowledge and accept the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- A discussion to keep these priorities for this school year followed and the following motion was carried.

MOTION:

..... I so move to retain the three District Education Council priorities from last year.

MOVED BY: Wallace Carr

SECONDED BY: Hayden Sparkes

MOTION CARRIED

PSSC Attendance Policy for DEC Members:

- Chairperson Geburt reviewed the proposed changes to the DEC Policy for Councillors attending PSSC meetings. In the Education Act, the DEC Handbook and on our District website, there are numerous references to our (DEC) responsibilities to/for PSSCs and for the maintenance of communications. The Chairperson spoke on the importance of DEC Councillors attending their assigned school PSSC meetings, however, attending all PSSC meetings may not be achievable. Therefore, a recommendation was made by the Chairperson to amend the existing **Policy ASD-W-GP4: Role of Council Members**, and to include the following:
 - *Councillors are expected to attend at least three (3) PSSC meetings for each of the schools assigned to them to foster and maintain appropriate communications between the parent/community group and the Council.*

MOTION

..... I so move to adopt the recommended changes.

MOVED BY: Michael Mazerolle

SECONDED BY: Paul MacIntosh

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence:

- The Chairperson acknowledged the following incoming / outgoing correspondence related to the work of the Council.
 - Letter from the Minister appointing Mr. Hanafy-Salem to the Councillor position in Sub-district 7.
 - Letter to the Minister to inform him of Councillor Rouselle's resignation in Sub-district 2
 - A letter that was signed tonight by the Chairperson to the Minister informing him of Councillor Martin's resignation in Sub-district 3.

Committee Reports:

Minister's Excellence in Education Awards

- Councillor Geburt informed the Council that an Awards Committee is established each year to review applications and select three nominees to receive the Minister's Excellence in Education Award. Again, this year, Chairperson Geburt requested three new volunteers for this committee. **Councillor P. MacIntosh, Councillor S. Bradford and Vice Chairperson W. Carr** volunteered to be the new committee members for the Minister's Excellence in Education Awards 2022-2023.

Student Council & Presidents & Forum

- The Superintendent informed the Council of his intention to bring Student Council Presidents from 19 ASD-W high school together four times per year to provide a voice for students. Beth Christie, Subject Coordinator serve as a district advisor and will organize the meetings that will occur in November, December, March and May. **ACTION:** The Superintendent will confirm the meeting dates, once determined, to the Council.

- Chairperson Geburt recommended retiring the Student Voice Committee. The Superintendent concurred that we would capture the student voice in this committee. Councillor Sparkes agreed that this committee would serve students well and that he would be interested in participating.

Public Comments:

- D. McInnis asked if KCS would ever get a new ventilation system, gymnasium and other school improvements as \$1.5 M is earmarked in ASD-W for other projects in addition to the cost of building two new schools on the cities northside. The Superintendent responded that the \$1.5M list of projects are prioritized Capital Improvement Projects that are each under \$1M. Last year the Province of NB approved \$3.5M for all ASD-W projects. A Major Capital Construction project exceeds \$1M, such as a new gymnasium or school build which the Council prioritizes and makes a recommendation to the Province for consideration and scoring through a QBL – Quadruple Bottom Line.
- The Superintendent shared that a KCS parent survey will be circulated to gather feedback from the community concerning the school. This information will be analyzed and shared at a public DEC meeting.
- Three ASD-W schools (Montgomery, Burton, and Connaught) were selected by the Province of New Brunswick to receive a new ventilation system in June 2022, with more to follow in subsequent years.
- A member of the public asked how ASD-W determined the catchment area for Hanwell Park Academy (HPA), that included only part of the Mazerolle Settlement Road. The Superintendent responded that the HPA is designed for 650 kids at 80% capacity. The current enrollment is 548 students. The Superintendent responded that maps were reviewed, and lengthy discussions took place reviewing the addresses for KCS and Priestman Street Elementary School (PSES) students. Parents have expressed their disappointment in their children not attending the new HPA and conversations have occurred with Councillors and district staff to take a closer look at the catchment area. The parent stated that the sense of community to Hanwell does not apply to their family as their children attend KCS. Also, extra curricular opportunities at KCS are not comparable to HPA opportunities. The Superintendent responded that the new Principal is energetic and will work hard to make the space welcoming and exciting for KCS students.
- J. McInnis stated his concerns with the recent turnover of Administrators at KCS. The Superintendent responded that the position has been an acting position. When there is close to 1700 teachers, movement is expected but when an Administrator is selected, we look at a long-term commitment.
- Ms. McInnis stated that in 2018, when a Policy 409 study was done on KCS, the new HPA was not a reality. She asked if there were public consultation with KCS, which the Superintendent responded that the catchment decision falls to him, and the community was not consulted beyond the 409 study. Parents thanked the Council for allowing them time to speak and for forwarding a survey to the KCS community.
- Mr. Robin Andrews asked to address the Council, however, after the Chairperson determined that his questions did not pertain to items on the agenda for this meeting but rather related to his scheduled presentation to the Council at the December 15, 2022 DEC Public Meeting, his request was denied.

Closing Comments:

- Chairperson Geburt provided the following comments:
 - The Government of Canada declared this past Monday as a National Day of Mourning for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Many of you likely watched the Funeral Service as well as the Committal Service for the late Monarch. As I watched these events unfold, I was struck by how often commentators used the words “**life of service**” to describe the Queen’s reign.
 - The Archbishop of Canterbury (John Welby) remarked – “**Her late majesty famously declared on her 21st birthday broadcast that her whole life would be dedicated to serving the nation and Commonwealth!**”
 - He went on to say – “**Rarely has such a promise been so well kept!**”
 - The Dean of Windsor, at the Committal Service stated – “**In the midst of our rapidly and frequently troubled world, her calm and dignified presence has given us confidence to face the future, as she did, with courage and hope.**”
 - Interestingly, a week from tomorrow, we will observe a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day is in concert with recommendation 80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, with the intent to “**honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure the public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.**”
 - I was very pleased to learn this afternoon that our provincial government has now followed suit with the Government of Canada and has declared 30 September as a ‘holiday’, and we are encouraged to wear orange, in solidarity with Indigenous peoples across Canada.

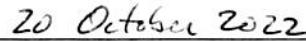
- You will have read in the media a number of comments on these two events and I link them together this evening to encourage all of you to take time next Friday to read the report of the TRC, reflect on it's contents and at the same time, reflect upon the service of our late Monach and perhaps use her example of 'service before self' to guide us in our own engagement efforts on reconciliation by our First Nations communities.

Date of Next Public Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2022 – Fredericton Inn & Conference Centre

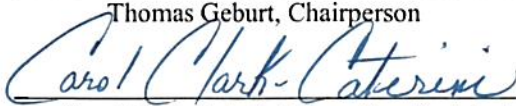
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at **8:28 PM** by Councillor Carr and seconded by Councillor Sparks.



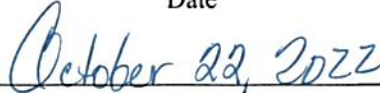
Thomas Geburt, Chairperson



Date



Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant
to the Superintendent & DEC



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