



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

Thursday, January 26, 2017

Fredericton High School – Tom Morrison Theatre

Council Members Present:

- Andy Saunders – SD 02
- Heather Hogan – SD 03
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- Stephanie Haslam – SD 06
- Terry Pond – SD 07
- Sean Winslow – SD 08
- Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair
- Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Chair
- Wallace Carr – SD 12
- Mark Noël – SD 13

Council Member Regrets:

- Sheila Gallagher – SD 01
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11
- Darrah Beaver – First Nations

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Philip Cliff, Facilities Manager
- Tanya Whitney, Director of Schools
- Karen Morton, Director of Human Resources
- Jason Humprey, Director of Communications
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and District Education Council

Guests:

- Media (1)
- Members of the public (5)

Vacancies:

- Vacant – Student Representative

Call to Order / Comments by the Chair

Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the public meeting at the Tom Morrison Theatre at the Fredericton High School. Kimberley also acknowledged that we were meeting on unseeded Woolastook territory in recognition of our work with indigenous partners.

Approval of the Agenda – January 26, 2017

The January 26th agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – December 8, 2016

The December 8th minutes were approved following the correction on page three under Committee Requests. This sentence should read, that a Councilor was invited to join the Provincial Curriculum and Assessment Committee. In addition to this, some grammatical changes were made. With these corrections the minutes were approved by consensus.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Leo Hayes High School Catchment Area Review – Committee Vote on Recommendations. It was asked if the committee would like to vote as a group or individually. Consensus were given for the voting process to be done as a group.

Motion

.....I would move that we accept the six recommendations made by the Superintendent with respect to the Leo Hayes High School catchment area.

Moved: Jane Buckley

Seconded: Terry Pond

Motion Carried

Further clarification was given that this motion would include the following recommendations:

A – Leave the applicable Nashwaak Valley catchment area as it is at the present time, with students staying at Devon Middle School and Leo Hayes High School.

B – Examine the area of Zionville Road in greater depth and in collaboration with the families to determine a possible move to Stanley Consolidated School in the future.

C – Move the high school catchment area for Keswick Valley memorial School (KVMS) students currently at LHHS to Fredericton High School (FHS). Students in current Grade 8 to 12 would be grandfathered until graduation from LHHS.

D – Not divide the community of Maugerville at Portobello Drive, resulting in students attending school in Fredericton.

E – Move the high school catchment area between Burton Bridge and Princess Margaret Bridge (currently at LHHS) to FHS.

F – Closely monitor the out of catchment transfer requests associated with attendance at LHHS to prevent inadvertent contributions to increased enrolment; an accurate tracking system is required.

New Business

There was no new business to report.

Superintendent Monitoring Report

ASD-W-EL4: Budgeting and Forecasting (3rd Quarter) - the Superintendent presented a report called *ASD-W-EL4: Budgeting and Forecasting* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. ASD-W was assigned \$208,535,700.00 for the 2016-17 school year. As of November 30th, there is a projected deficit of \$65,098.00. A financial update on these accounts will be presented again in June, 2017. Shawn Tracey confirmed that self-sustaining dollars have never been used to cover a deficit and the contingency plan is an expected budget transfer, continue to look for operational efficiencies and if we are still in a deficit by the 4th quarter. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development would not offset the deficit balance at the end of March 2017 but rather district funds would need to be used.

Motion:

.....to approve Shawn Tracey's third quarter budget report.

Moved: Wallace Carr

Seconded: Sean Winslow

Motion Carried

ASD-W-EL6: Effective Use of Schools - the Superintendent presented a report called *ASD-W-EL6: Effective Use of Schools* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. Late French Immersion enrollment was discussed projected numbers would affect buildings. Of the 69 ASD-W schools, 13 schools are housed with 31 modular classrooms. A request was made for 9 additional modular classrooms from the Province of NB and one modular classroom will be removed from the Gagetown School. Councilor Wallace Carr informed the committee of the communities concern with losing a modular classroom at their school as it is being used for an afterschool program and would be used for the Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) initiative in the fall. In addition to this, staff at the school felt that there was a lack of space. It was noted that floor plans are examined and functional capacity is determined by the ASD-W Facilities Department. We see this school with one extra modular based on our findings, but we ask that the school reach out to our team for space reconfiguration and support. **ACTION:** The Superintendent, DEC Councilor and Facilities Manager will visit the school to review the available space. A request was for a report be provided to the Committee at the next public DEC Meeting in March.

ASD-W-EL7: Sustainability of Schools - the Superintendent presented a report called *ASD-W-EL7: Sustainability of Schools* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. A review was given on the four schools in ASD-W that had recently undergone a Policy 409 study. The outcome of these studies resulted in the closure of Millville Elementary School. The previous Council requested an exemption from studies for one year. This request was approved by The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. A triggered school is identified if their enrollment is less than 100 students or if their functional capacity is less than

30 %. The current identified schools for enrollment less than 100 are: Burton Element, Doaktown Elementary, Gagetown, Kingsclear Consolidated, McAdam Avenue, McAdam Elementary and McAdam High. The current identified schools for functional capacity less than 30 % are: Chipman Elementary, Chipman Forest Avenue, Doaktown Elementary, McAdam Elementary, McAdam High, and Nacakawic Middle School. In May 2017, an exemption may be requested, a study can be conducted on a school or an exemption can be given for a school that has been recently studies.

Councilor Jane Buckley requested the other Councilors to consider, that in light of the information provided by the Superintendent, to entertain a motion to begin a sustainability study on Kingsclear Consolidated School as we have already promoted and improved the Hanwell situation in order to move kids around and to accommodate all of these things, this work would have to be done at some point so this would be a good time to study one school with our new council. The Superintendent would provide the three outcomes as stated in Policy 409, status quo, financial investment be made to the school or school closure. This is a good time, as these decisions would have to be made in the future.

Motion

.....I move to study the Kingsclear Consolidated School.

Moved: Jane Buckley

Seconded: Sean Winslow

Motion Carried

Councilor Kimberley Douglass acknowledged that the study is not necessarily a closure but a study.

ACTION: The Superintendent will write to the parents of Kingsclear Elementary School and he will look ahead for a timeline for three public meetings. Meeting 1 - presentation of facts by ASD-W, Meeting 2 - community present to the DEC, and Meeting 3 - a decision meeting where of one of three outcomes (status quo, request to Minister for an investment in the school or request to the Minister to close the school) will be decided. Discussions will occur at a working session early in May 2017 and announced to the public at the Public District Education Council meeting mid-May 2017.

The Superintendent was asked to speak about the North-side schools; Park Street, Royal Road, Nashwaaksis Memorial, McAdam Avenue and Barkers Point Elementary School. The Superintendent credited Ernst & Young of previously studying the Fredericton schools, however, moving forward, our Facilities Department has requested to prepare studies in the future.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

Public Comments

A member of the public asked when reports presented tonight would be posted to the ASD-W website. All reports will be made public the following day of the DEC meeting.

Closing Comments

Chairperson Kimberley Douglass thanked the public for attending tonight's meeting. She also thanked the district office staff for their attendance tonight, and their assistance with tonight's presentations.

Date for Next Public Meeting - Thursday, February 23, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at the Fredericton Education Centre

Adjournment - The public meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. from a motion made by Counsellor Mark Noël.

Kimberley Douglass
Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

March 14/2017
Date

Carol Clark-Caterini
Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC

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