



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

**Thursday, December 13, 2018
Fredericton Education Centre**

Council Members Present:

- Tanya Adams – SD 01
- Andy Saunders – SD 02
- Heather Hogan – SD 03
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- Stephanie Haslam – SD 06
- Sean Winslow – SD 08
- Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair
- Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Chair
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11
- Wallace Carr – SD 12
- David Perley – First Nations

Council Member Regrets:

- Terry Pond – SD 07
- Vacancy – SD 13

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent
- Judy Cole, Director of Communications
- Karla Deweyert, Acting Director of Education Support Services
- Emily Darrah, Acting Guidance & PLWEP Subject Coordinator
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and District Education Council

Guests:

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

Vacancies:

- Vacant – Student Representative

Call to Order / Comments by the Chair

- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., and she welcomed everyone to the District Education Council meeting in Fredericton. The Chairperson acknowledged that this meeting was held on unceded Wolastoqiyik territory. Councilor Douglass recognized the loss of Councilor Mark Noël, from Sub-district 13. Councilor Mark Noël will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Approval of the Agenda – December 13, 20108

- The agenda was reviewed by the Council and approved with the addition of a letter from the Oromocto High School Parent School Support Committee under “New Business”. With this addition, the agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes – October 18, 2018

- The minutes were reviewed by the Council and approved as presented by consensus.

Presentations:

- The Town of Florenceville-Bristol Chief Operating Officer presented to the Council requesting a new Kindergarten to Grade 8 school in the area of Florenceville-Bristol. This proposal included a review of demographics, location, overview and design, expenses, timeline, school amenities, background, economic and social benefits.
- Councilor Carr asked what the surrounding smaller communities thought of this proposal as they were included in the presentation. School communities included in the presentation are Florenceville Elementary School, Florenceville Middle School, and Bristol Elementary School. Feedback from these communities is in support of a new school. The proposal recommended that other nearby schools that feed into the Carleton North High School be considered and included in the new K-8 facility. These schools are Bath Community School and Centreville Community School.

Business Arising from the Pervious Minutes

- Policy 409 – Sustainability of Schools was reviewed with all 4 schools having completed their second public meeting. A reminder was given for Councilors to forward any questions they may have to Catherine Blaney. Documents can be found pertaining to these studies are posted to the ASD-W public website and the DEC Portal. A school tour is available to any Councilors who may have missed this opportunity during meeting #1 at each school (Forest Hill, Liverpool Street, McAdam Avenue and Nashwaaksis Memorial School).
- The sale of land at the Hartland Community School was discussed again with additional information being provided by the Acting Superintendent to Councilors concerning the location of the well and the size of the land being requested. Councilor Hogan requested to rescind the motion from the previous meeting as follows:

MOTION

.....to rescind the previous motion concerning the sale of land at the Hartland Community School and that we discuss this topic again based on new information recently provided.

Moved By: Heather Hogan

Seconded By: Wallace Carr

Motion Carried

MOTION

..... to make a motion that we deem this parcel of land at the Hartland Community School and as described in our previous meeting as surplus.

Moved By: Heather Hogan

Seconded By: Jane Buckley

Motion Carried

- Councilor Hogan added that a diagram was shown at the last public meeting to retain the 200 feet along the road for the school. Since then we learned that the school is on the town water supply and the water shed built on the property is for a sprinkler system to ensure appropriate water pressure. The land surrounding the school property is owned by McCain's. The shale and slope of land determined the location of the school being positioned towards the back of the property. The investor is building townhouses and single dwelling properties which would not affect the school. School Administration and PSSC are in favor of selling this parcel of land. Councilor Buckley acknowledged that she did not want to stand in the way of progress and future developments in this Province. Councilor Carr was satisfied with the additional information provided and gave his support for the sale of the land.
- **ACTION:** Catherine Blaney will make Shawn Tracey, DFA and Andy Clark, Principal aware of the motion to declare this parcel of land as surplus.

Correspondence

- Correspondence was received by Council from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development acknowledging the most recent motion to close the Policy 409 study at Kingsclear Consolidated School with a request for a financial investment in the school. This correspondence outlined the approval of the request for an investment is contingent on the project(s) being submitted, approved and funded as part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development capital budget.
- Chairperson Douglass made the committee aware of a recent media announcement approving the construction of the Hanwell Road area School being approved by the Province of NB.

New Business

- Councilor Carr spoke of the recent correspondence the Council had received from Oromocto High School Parent School Support Committee concerning the decision to not move forward with mid-life upgrades at the school as previously planned by the previous government. The school, Councilor Carr and most likely our Councilor for the Oromocto area, Councilor Mark Noël would be very disappointed with this decision. Councilor Carr acknowledged that it was most unfortunate that a previous approved commitment had not been considered, which included the money spent on employee time and work involved in researching this project. Councilor Buckley acknowledged that there were also other areas in the Province with needs just as important but not considered by our new government. Clarification was given that the Minister of Education did not make this decision.
- **ACTION:** Councilor Douglass was asked to prepare a letter for government expressing the Council's disappointment with this recent decision.

Superintendent Monitoring Report:

- **ASD-W-ER4: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity** – Catherine Blaney presented a report called *ASD-W-ER4: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented one time per year and is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. Catherine stated that this was the first report for this DEC policy. Catherine reported that the district reviews all ASD-W policies annually. The Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity policy will be reviewed and monitored closely with a specific lens. Schools are familiar with this new DEC policy, the district actively promotes inclusion and respect for the human rights of LGBTQI2S community members, district processes and procedures are in place that address discrimination, harassment and bullying specific to LGBTQI2S for staff, students and families. As well, PowerSchool is used to track the prevalence of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity incidents related to specific behaviours of bullying and harassment. Data provided through the additional demographic question added to the OurSchool Survey in grades 6-12 during the 2018-2019 school year will be used to measure and monitor outcomes specific to feelings of safety and affirmation for ASD-W

LGBTQI2S school community members. By December 2022, the LGBTQI2S community will report a 3% increase that they feel safe, welcomed, respected, accepted and affirmed in their school. Councilor Saunders commented that this report was very helpful and that the data received from students was eye opening. How the student valued their life was particularly eye opening he is pleased to learn that ASD-W has practices in place to support these students. Chairperson Douglass acknowledged the work done in ASD-W to support this new policy and she shared the Council's appreciation for the work done. In attendance was the Acting Director of Education Support Services and the Acting Guidance & PLWEP Subject Coordinator concurred that the work done was for all students attending ASD-W and they were able to add details to the questions asked by the Council.

- Catherine introduced the staff in attendance and the chairperson welcomed them to the meeting.

Committee Reports:

- The Policy 711 ADHOC Committee was unable to report updates at this time as recent changes have been made to this policy by the Province. The Chairperson encouraged Councilors to bring questions to the attention of the AHOC Committee. Councilor Carr asked if the policy was still in effect or eliminated. Catherine confirmed that the policy is still in effect and school administration is to adhere to the policy with the recent amendments. The intention is to keep a healthy environment in the school.

Public Comments:

- Darren McKenzie from the Hanwell Road Council acknowledged the loss of a long-time friend Councilor Mark Noël and although he was excited when he learned that the Hanwell school was approved, he was still deeply saddened by the loss of this Councilor.

Closing Comments:

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date for Next Public Meeting:

- The next Public DEC Meeting will be held at the Fredericton High School, Tom Morrison Theatre on January 24, 2019

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Councillor Buckley at **7:50 p.m.**

Kimberley Douglass
Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

January 31 / 2019
Date

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

January 31, 2019
Date