



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL**

MINUTES

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Liverpool Street Elementary School

Council Members Present:

- Tanya Adams – SD 01
- 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
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11
- Wallace Carr – SD 12
- David Perley – First Nations

Council Member Regrets:

- Miriam Grant – SD 04

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- Gina Dunnett, Director of Schools - OEC
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Wayne Annis, Director of Schools – FEC
- Judy Cole, Director of Communications
- Susan Young, Data and Accountability Supervisor
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and District Education Council

ASD-W Regrets:

- Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent

Guests:

- Media (2)
- Members of the public and school staff approximately 32

Vacancies:

- Sub-district 13
- Student Representative

Call to Order / Comments by the Chair

- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and she welcomed everyone to the public District Education Council meeting and third Policy 409 – Multi-year School Infrastructure Planning meeting for Anglophone West School District. Chairperson Douglass recognized Kelly Parks, School Principal and staff of Liverpool Street Elementary School for their work involved in hosting this meeting at their school. Chairperson Douglass also acknowledged that this public DEC meeting was held on unceded and unsurrendered Wolastoqui territory.
- Chairperson Douglass introduced Gina Dunnett, Director of Schools for the Oromocto Education Centre and Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent's representative for the meeting. Gina provided introductions of district staff in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda – January 31, 2019

- The agenda was reviewed by the Council and approved as presented by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes – December 13, 2018

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

Presentations:

- There were no public presentations prior to the Policy 409: Multi-year Infrastructure Report Executive Summary.

Business Arising from the Pervious Minutes

- An Executive Summary was presented by Gina Dunnett on behalf of Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent. This 20-page report included information collected from Meeting #1 and Meeting #2 for all four city schools studied. Schools studied are; McAdam Avenue School, Nashwaaksis Memorial School, Forest Hill Elementary School and Liverpool Street Elementary School. This presentation along with other documents pertinent to each school studied can be found on Anglophone West School District website, Sustainability Studies.
- Gina provided a review of three possible outcomes for each school to include; schools remain status quo, provide repairs to each school, or closing McAdam Avenue School and Nashwaaksis Memorial School and combine both school communities with the build of a new school. Also, closing Forest Hill Elementary School and Liverpool Street Elementary School and combining both school communities with the build of a new school.
- It was noted that an error was reported for year the McAdam Avenue School was built in the Executive Summary. The corrected date is 1962 and the Executive Summary was revised to reflect this date.
- Chairperson Douglass recognized that each school will need to be discussed separately by Council and an opportunity was given to move a motion now with a followed discussion by Council. The first two schools to be reviewed will be the Northside Schools, Nashwaaksis Memorial School and McAdam Avenue School.

- Councilor Terry Pond asked Shawn Tracey if he was correct in understanding from his presentations that the Council could make a recommendation to the Minister on the location of a new school. Shawn confirmed that this information was accurate.
- Chairperson Douglass recognized that the Council had a few months to make their decision and a time to ask questions during private working meetings and by contacting Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent. Chairperson Douglass went on to say that student enrollment has been a factor in the decision, as well as, accessibility, health and safety and the quality of programs that would be available in new schools. In addition, the Council needed to consider, transportation, impact on other schools and economic development had also been carefully considered.
- Councilor Andy Saunders thanked the district staff and school communities for their hard work and involvement in these recent studies.
- Councilor Heather Hogan commented on the atmosphere she felt when visiting the McAdam Avenue School. It was evident that this is a great school that the community loved and wanted to remain status quo. In fact, all studied schools showed evidence of great work being done with their students. Councilor Hogan went on to say that she too was part of a Sustainability Study when she was a School Administrator in ASD-W and the process to combine schools is rewarding when a new school is built. It is exciting for everyone involved to be rewarded with a new school building.
- Councilor Tanya Adams asked for clarification that the four schools being studied would not close until two new schools were built on each side of the river. Councilor Douglass confirmed that this was accurate.
- Councilor Sean Winslow requested to include in the motion that a new school be built on the McAdam Avenue School site. Also, if a new school is recommended for the south side schools that it be built on the Liverpool Street Elementary School site.
- Councilor Andy Saunders began his motion with support to close both northside schools with a new school being built to house students from both McAdam Avenue School and Nashwaaksis Memorial School.

MOTION:

..... I move that McAdam Avenue School be closed and a new school be built on that site.

Moved By: Andy Saunders Seconded By: Jane Buckley Motion Carried

MOTION:

..... I move that Nashwaaksis Memorial school be closed and combine with McAdam Avenue, with a recommendation to build the new school on the current McAdam Avenue School site.

Moved By: Jane Buckley Seconded By: Sean Winslow Motion Carried

MOTION:

..... I move that Forest Hill Elementary School be closed and combine with the Liverpool Street Elementary school.

Moved By: Jane Buckley Seconded By: Tanya Adams Motion Carried

MOTION:

..... I move that Liverpool Street School be closed, a new school be built on the site and combine these students with the students of Forest Hill Elementary School.

Moved By: Terry Pond Seconded By: Sean Winslow Motion Carried

Correspondence

- There was no correspondence to discuss.

New Business

- Councilor Douglass informed everyone that volunteers are being recruited to fill Sub-district 13 (Town of Oromocto Schools) vacancy for the remaining term ending in June 2020. Kimberley added that any persons interested in this vacancy is to contact the Office of the Superintendent. It was noted that you must live within Sub-district 13 riding.
- Councilor Douglass informed the Council of the upcoming PSSC Spring Symposium on May 11th and 12th in the Miramichi. One PSSC member from every sub-district is invited to attend this event and a reminder was given to Parent School Support Committees (PSSC) that they can use their budgets to attend an educational event and send a member to this event if not selected by the DEC. As well, Minister Dominic Cardy will be in attendance the evening of Saturday, May 11th. **ACTION:** Councilors were asked to contact Stacey Brown, EECD with their attendance and to have their PSSC names submitted to the Council prior to February 21st public meeting. If more than one name is submitted for a sub-district, then a drawn will need to take place.

Superintendent Monitoring Report:

- **ASD-W-EL4: Budget/Forecasting (3rd Quarter)** – Shawn Tracey presented a report called **ASD-W-EL4: Budget/Forecasting** as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented four times per year and is posted publically on the ASD-W website. In addition, **ASD-W-EL4** report included **DEC Finance and Budget**, which is presented twice per year and is also posted publicly on the ASD-W website. Anglophone West School District ended the 3rd quarter report with a surplus.

MOTION

I move to make a motion that we accept the third quarter report as presented by Shawn Tracey tonight.

Moved By: Sean Winslow

Seconded By: Heather Hogan

Motion Carried

- **ASD-W-EL6: Effective Use of Schools** – Shawn Tracey presented a report called **ASD-W-EL6: Effective Use of Schools** as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented one time per year and is also posted publicly on the ASD-W website. Councilor Buckley commented that she was pleased with the report presented tonight.

Committee Reports:

- Councilor Douglass announced that Councilor Hogan had been re-appointed to the Provincial Curriculum Advisory Committee (PCAC) for Anglophone West School District. Councilor Hogan has accepted this re-appointment.
- Councilor Pond reported that the Student Voice Committee has worked to further discuss ways to have a student voice included on the District Education Council. Currently, discussion on student voice has occurred at four ASD-W high schools amongst student councils.
- Councilor Douglass acknowledged Councilor Andrew Corey as serving on a committee for the new Hanwell School. Councilor Corey had no new updates to report on behalf of the Hanwell School Committee.
- There were no new reports from the Policy Committee.
- There were no new reports from the District Health Committee.

Public Comments:

- Clarification was given to a member of the public that Sub-district 13 vacancy included the Town of Oromocto schools.
- It was asked by a member of the public if the new school being proposed, on the northside of Fredericton would house the number of students from both Nashwaaksis Memorial School and McAdam Avenue School. Shawn Tracey confirmed the projected enrollment was 419 students with a space of 650 students.
- A parent asked what would be done in the meantime, with overcrowding at Nashwaaksis Memorial School and the extra available space at McAdam Avenue School, what do we do now. Chairperson Douglass explained that the Council makes a recommendation to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, who decides if we had followed due process. Councilor Douglass went on to say that tonight, the Council had taken a step to move one-step closer to the building of a new school on the northside with a recommendation that these two schools be closed.
- A member of the public request assurance that the district and department staff would continue to support schools in education and operations. The Director of Schools Gina Dunnett shared her confidence in the district staff and Province of New Brunswick to have all student's best interest at the forefront. She went on to say, that students and staff will go to school tomorrow and staff will continue to be focused on the best interest of students. District and school staff will continue to maintain a Positive Learning and Working Environment in all schools, and we will continue to have open communication with all communities to keep you informed.

Closing Comments:

- Chairperson Douglass thanked everyone for attending the public District Education Council and she went on to say that this Policy 409 serves as a foundation for determining the sustainability of a school, considering many aspects, such as: **enrollment, health and safety, quality of education, transportation impact on community, finances, economic development and impact on other schools.**

Date for Next Public Meeting:

- The next Public DEC Meeting will be held at the Office of the Superintendent, 1135 Prospect Street, Fredericton on **Thursday, February 21, 2019.**

Adjournment

- Councillor Saunders adjourned the meeting at **8:15 p.m.**

Kimberley Douglass
Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

March 12, 2019
Date

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

March 12, 2019
Date