



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

**Thursday, September 20, 2018
Woodstock Education Centre**

Council Members Present:

- Tanya Adams – SD 01
- Heather Hogan – SD 03
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- 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
- Mark Noël – SD 13
- David Perley – First Nations

Council Member Regrets:

- Andy Saunders – SD 02

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools - WEC
- Judy Cole, Director of Communications
- 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 6:45 p.m. and she welcomed everyone to the first public meeting for the 2018-2019 school year at the Woodstock Education Centre. The Chairperson acknowledged that this meeting was held on unceded Wolastoqiyik territory and she also recognized Jeremy Dutcher from Tobique First Nations as the recent recipient of the 2018 Polaris Music Award for his album Wolastoqiyik Lintuwakonawa. Jeremy, who is a former graduate of Leo Hayes High School, received this prestigious award on Monday, September 17, 2018 in Toronto Ontario.

Approval of the Agenda - September 20, 2018

- The agenda was approved by consensus as presented.

Approval of the Minutes – June 7-2018

- The minutes were approved by consensus as presented.

Business Arising from the Pervious Minutes

- There were no business items to discuss from the previous minutes.

Correspondence

- On June 1st, a letter requesting a two year exemption from a Policy 409–sustainability study was sent by the Acting Superintendent to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development outlining the 2018-19 triggered schools; Bristol Elementary School, Chipman Forest Avenue School, Doaktown Elementary School, Upper Miramichi Elementary School, Minto Memorial High School, Southern Victoria High School and Tobique Valley High School. In addition, as per Policy 409, section 6.4.3, Burton Elementary School, Kingsclear Consolidated School, McAdam Elementary School, McAdam High School and Nackawic Middle School were listed as triggered schools that had been previously approved from a sustainability study as they each underwent a study within the past four years. The Gagetown School also falls within the criteria of a triggered school, but had received ministerial exemption from a sustainability study until 2021-2022 school year.
- On July 30th, correspondence was received from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development approving the requested school exemptions for two years. Kingsclear Consolidated School was recognized as being ongoing, pending Capital Budget announcements for 2019-2020.
- On September 4th, a letter was sent by the Acting Superintendent to the four school communities (Liverpool Street Elementary School, Forest Hill Elementary School, McAdam Avenue School and Nashwaaksis Memorial School) studied in the city of Fredericton outlining the process and upcoming meeting dates.
- Correspondence was received from Bliss Carman Middle School requesting to name their school gymnasium the Harold Phalen Gymnasium. An e-mail had been sent to the School Principal referencing Policy 409 that speaks to the naming of a school room outlining the process in Policy 409, section 8.3. At this time, a public meeting would be needed

New Business

- The District Education Council 2018-2019 Meeting Schedule was previously saved to the DEC Portal for the Councils review and approval.

MOTION:

.....I move to approve the revised meeting schedule for 2018-19.

Moved: Wallace Carr Seconded: Sean Winslow Motion Carried

- The District Education Council 2018-2019 Annual Planning Cycle was previously saved to the DEC Portal for the Councils review and approval.

MOTION:

.....to approve as received.

Motion was carried by Consensus

- The District Education Council 2018-2019 Goals and Long Term Goals were previously discussed during a private working meeting and saved to the DEC Portal for Councilors further review and approval. They are:
2018-2019 DEC Goals – develop a Wolastoqiyik Policy and develop a goal on learning using the Academic Excellence Policy ASD-W-ER2 and align this policy with the 10 Year Education Plan. **Long Term Goals:** continued policy monitoring, develop a PSSC/Community Engagement Model and complete the Policy Governance training, preparing the model for future District Education Councils.

MOTION:

.....I move to develop a Wolastoqiyik policy.

Moved: David Perley Seconded: Heather Hogan Motion Carried

MOTION:

.....to approve the 2018-2019 DEC goals as presented.

Moved: Miriam Grant Seconded: Faith Kennedy Motion Carried

MOTION:

..... to approve the Long Term Goals

Moved: Miriam Grant Seconded: Sean Winslow Motion Carried

Wolostiquay Language - David Perley

- Councilor David Perley provided a handout called "*Language of Disharmony*". Councilor Perley shared that during his upbringing he was called an Indian and not until he was older and able to research the meaning of this name, he did not know that this word was unacceptable. First Nations Communities are now being encouraged to use the correct terminology as outlined in "*Honoring Wolastoqey Language*". Councilor Perley confirmed that letters are pronounced differently than the English language, for example, the letter T sounds like a D. A Wolastoqey language App can be found online.

Superintendent Monitoring Report:

- **ASD-W-EL0: Global Executive Limitation** - the Acting Superintendent presented a report called *ASD-W-EL0: Global Executive Limitation* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented once per year and is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. Catherine explained that the evidence section now included a hyperlink to access associated documents. **ACTION:** Carol was asked to change the first hyperlink date to reflect September 21, 2017.
- **ASD-W-EL1: Emergency Superintendent Succession** – Catherine Blaney presented a report called *ASD-W-EL1: Emergency Superintendent Succession* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented once per year and is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. The Council was provided with two names during a private meeting should the Superintendent not be able to continue with her duties.

- **ASD-W-ER2.0: Mission Vision and Core Values** – the Director of Finance and Administration presented a report called *ASD-W-ER2.0: Mission Vision and Core Values* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented once per year and is also posted publically on the ASD-W website.
- The Council expressed their appreciation of the revised reports being hyperlinked and simplified to the Acting Superintendent.

Committee Reports:

- **Policy Committee** – Councilor Winslow reported that this committee has met and continue to work on District Education Council policies. At this time, no additional changes have been made.
- **ADHOC Committee Policy 711** – Councilor Carr reported that the effect of this policy on school communities. The committee will meet again to discuss their formal communication to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development. This communication will need to follow the Provincial election scheduled in September.
- **Student Voice Committee** – Councilor Pond reported that this committee had not met since the end of the last school year. Plans are being made now to meet again after the Thought Exchange program is circulated. Committee members are Councilor Wallace Carr, Councilor Stephanie Haaslam and Councilor Terry Pond.

Upcoming Events:

- **Student Leadership Conference** – a reminder was given of the upcoming 2018 Student Leadership Conference that will be held at the Fredericton Delta Hotel in November.
- **DEC / PSSC Fall Symposium** – a reminder was given of the upcoming Fall Symposium in Fredericton the first weekend of November. **ACTION:** Kimberley will confirm the number of PSSC members attending with Stacey Brown and ask if there are any available spaces.

Misc.:

- Councilor Buckley asked if French Immersion Teachers hired in ASD-W could speak the English language. Catherine confirmed that the hired level of proficiency was bilingual.
- Councilor Hogan asked if an interview was completed by phone, and if so, could this method of testing someone's proficiency level be accurate? Catherine responded that those interviewing are not qualified to determine someone's proficiency level but that resume's would be reviewed. A standardized testing is now being established with improvements expected.

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Closing Comments:

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and she acknowledged Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools and Judy Cole, Director of Communications as being in attendance.

Date for Next Public Meeting:

- The next Public DEC Meeting will be held at the **Fredericton Education Council on Thursday, October 18th at 6:30 PM**

Adjournment

- The meeting was motioned to be adjourned by Councillor Miriam Grant **7:20 p.m.**

Kimberley Douglass
 Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

Nov 1, 2018
 Date

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

Nov. 1, 2018
 Date