



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
Fredericton Inn & Conference Centre
Public Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 19, 2022**

Council Members Present:

- Tanya Adams – Sub-district 1
- Jessica Martin – Sub-district 3 (online)
- Tanya Cloutier – Sub-district 4
- 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:

- Luke Rousselle – Sub-district 2
- David Perley – First Nations Councillor

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & DEC
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Gina Dunnett, Director of Schools (OEC)
- Catherine Blaney, Director of ESS
- Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Teagan Taylor, ESS Subject Coordinator
- Don Levesque, IT Support

Guest:

- PSSC Chairperson, R. Leavitt - LHHS
- Member of the Public (1 – online)

Vacancy:

- Sub-district 7

Call to Order:

- Thomas Geburt, Chairperson, called the public meeting to order at **6:30 PM.**

Welcome & Comments by the Chairperson:

- Chairperson Geburt, on behalf of the Council, acknowledged that the land on which all of the ASD-West schools, with the exception of one, are located on 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, guest and those participating by an online platform. Superintendent McTimoney introduced the district office staff in attendance.

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

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

MOTION:

..... to approve the agenda as presented tonight.

MOVED BY: Wallace Carr SECONDED BY: Tanya Cloutier MOTION CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes – April 28, 2022:

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

MOTION:

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

MOVED BY: Serena Bradford SECONDED BY: Paul MacIntosh MOTION CARRIED

Presentations:

Curriculum & Program Presentation: ESS – Teagan Taylor

- Teagan provided an interactive presentation with the Councillors. The EAL Portfolio welcomed 4972 international students to ASD-W since 2016.

Circle of Understanding

- This presentation was postponed until the next public meeting on June 9, 2022

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Review of Multi-Year Capital Planning/Capital Improvement Construction

- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration, showed a report of 28 Capital Improvement projects that amounted to \$3,849,900.00. This list includes school roofs, floors, exterior doors, site improvements, etc. Shawn noted that the approval of this list will be seen during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Shawn reported that the district keeps a database of each school and updates the information on an annual basis as part of the infrastructure plan to support decisions around sustainability and major capital infrastructure. An example was provided of an infrastructure report for Fredericton High School. Included in this report was enrollment trends, operational costs, feeder schools, catchment area boundaries, and major capital and capital improvements projects from 2010-2021.
- Major Capital Priorities include the new Hanwell Park Academy, an Elementary School on Cuffman Street in 2024-2025, Carleton North Area new K-8 School, George Street School Replacement School, Forest Hill/Liverpool Street
- A snapshot of the SDIP lists was shared with Councillors and attention given to the new Northside East School and Nashwaaksis/McAdam Avenue Schools as being at the top of the provincial lists of new construction. Sixth on the list of projects is the new Carleton area K-8 school, followed by a new school for George Street Middle School (8th) and a new school for Forest Hill/Liverpool Street School (11th). Councillors were reminded that at the public meeting on May 19th, approval will be needed of the proposed project lists with a report sent to EECD prior to May 31st.
- Councillor Carr asked if the Policy 409 studies were reflected in the QBL Matrix. Shawn Tracey responded that if a project was identified by the DEC, that project would receive 1 additional point. Shawn went on to outline the timelines, end state, the QBL Matrix history and how it is used with the Council.

MOTION

..... To Approve the Major Capital Construction list as presented tonight by Shawn Tracey.

MOVED BY: Wallace Carr SECONDED BY: Michael Mazerolle MOTION CARRIED

Shawn will prepare a letter outlining the recommended order for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Education to approve the Capital Improvement List as presented tonight.

MOVED BY: Tanya Cloutier SECONDED BY: Paul MacIntosh MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

COVID-19 Update:

- The Superintendent informed the Council that the District continues to manage Covid still being in the schools. Restrictions were lifted following March Break, at which time there was a spike in the number of cases. A cohort of supply teachers was made available to help fill in with staff absences. Absences are now more stabilized. Professional Learning opportunities are now able to be offered, and other leaves under the collective agreement can now be approved.

Carleton North K-8 General Area of School

- The Superintendent reviewed the background of the recommendation for building a new school in Carleton North area.
- Section 45.3 calls on the District Education Council to officially name a general location for the new school. Maps were shown of catchment areas of Bath, Bristol and Florenceville.
- Recommended sites have been provided based on discussions during sustainability study exercise, but it is the responsibility of the Minister of Education to select the official location.

MOTION:

.....I recommend to approve the general area within the circle as defined on the map that was presented tonight.

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

DEC Cover for Sub-district 7 Vacancy

- Chairperson Geburt contacted School Principals to determine their PSSC meeting dates. Councillors will cover the vacancy to the end of the school year:
 - Chairperson Geburt – Liverpool and Bliss Carman Middle
 - Councillor Carr – Montgomery and Forest Hill
 - Councillor MacIntosh – George Street and New Maryland

Approval of Naming Rooms Within Schools

- Policy 409 – 6.3.1 – This is the responsibility of the DEC and PSSC – to approve the name of a room in a school. The details will be shared at the public meeting on June 9, 2022.

MOTION:

..... “I move that we support in principle the naming of a specific room in a specific school as previously discussed in our working meeting.”

MOVED BY: Serena Bradford SECONDED BY: Mike Mazerolle MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence:

- A letter from the District Education Council was sent to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding the recent vacancy in sub-district 7 (Bliss Carman Middle, Forest Hill, George Street Middle, Liverpool, Montgomery and New Maryland)
- A letter from the District Education Council was sent to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding the reappointment of Student Councillor, H. Sparkes for the 2022-2023 school year.
- A letter was received from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding NB Childcare
- Two letters were received from the George Street Middle School PSSC, regarding the 554 Brunswick Street Building Plans.

Superintendent Reports:

Superintendent Report (1 of 1) – ASD-W-EL2.2: School Culture

- The Superintendent presented the report *ASD-W-ER2.2 School Culture*, 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.
- Councillor Mills asked the number of Psychologists in ASD-W and the wait period for support to be given. The Superintendent noted that ASD-W does not employ psychologists but rather the Province of NB. Catherine Blaney acknowledged that there was a waiting list for an assessment. If a child needs immediate support, ASD-W has Child & Youth Teams that include 4.8 Psychologists that will prioritize the immediate need.

Superintendent Report (1 of 1) – ASD-W-ER4: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities

- The Superintendent presented the report *ASD-W-ER4 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities*, 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.
- Councillor Wallace commended the Superintendent and staff on their work on this new policy that has not been in place for long.

- Chairperson Geburt commented on the change in surveys. The Superintendent noted that two surveys will be combined and comparisons will be completed as possible. Studies are completed on students in Grades 6-12.

Committee Reports:

Student Voice Committee

- Councillor Carr reported a Student Voice Committee meeting was held on April 14th. Minutes are on the portal from the last meeting. Discussion focussed on hunger programs, internet at schools, feeling of safety, extra-curricular activities, and behaviour problems.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2022, 12:15-1:15. DEC members are welcome to attend.

Public Comments:

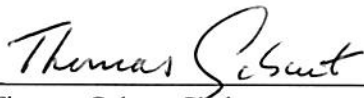
- Guidance Specialists – what is the impact of those being trained having on the guidance councillors currently in the system. The training taking place is for resource specialists, these positions are provided by the Province and do not affect the District's resource FTE allotment.
- Name Change Process in PowerSchool (SOJI interaction) – ASD-W Policy 713 provides additional information on this process. Age 16 and older with or without parental legal consent was confirmed. Under the age of 16, parental legal consent is needed. It was noted that 6.3.2 states a preferred name can be used at the school level in a classroom, but a legal change is needed to change legal documents.

Closing Comments:

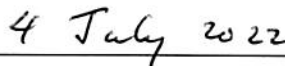
- Chairperson Geburt will look at the plan for 2022-23. Last meeting is on the 9th of June in person and must finish off the evaluation of the superintendent. CLEVR input will be reviewed and should be completed.
- Chairperson Geburt thanked those that had attended tonight's public DEC meeting in-person and on-line.
- Information is uploaded to the DEC Portal 3-7 days prior to the next public meeting for review by Councillors.

Date of Next Public Meeting: Thursday, June 9, 2022 – Fredericton Inn, 1315 Regent Street, Fredericton, NB

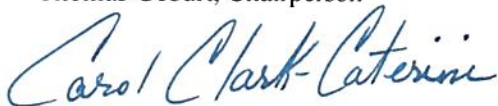
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.



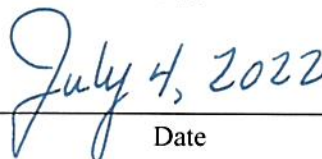
Thomas Geburt, Chairperson



Date



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



Date