



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
Fredericton Inn & Conference Centre
Public Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022**

Council Members Present:

- Tanya Adams – Sub-district 1
- Tanya Cloutier – Sub-district 4
- Serena Bradford – Sub-district 5
- Paul MacIntosh – Sub-district 6
- Amgad Hanafy-Salem - Sub-district 7
- Janet Dean – Sub-district 8
- Chris Harquail – Sub-district 10
- Jim Mills – Sub-district 11
- Wallace Carr – Sub-district 12, Vice Chairperson
- Thomas Geburt – Sub-district 13, Chairperson
- David Perley – First Nations Councillor
- Hayden Sparkes – Student Representative

Council Member Regrets:

- Michael Mazerolle – Sub-district 9

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Darla Day, Director of Schools – FEC
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Jennifer Read, Director of Communications
- Jon Hoyt-Hallet, Subject Coordinator
- Wayland Dickson, Subject Coordinator
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & DEC

Guest:

- Members of the Public (2)
- MLA D. Coon
- Media (1)

Vacancy:

- Sub-district 2
- Sub-district 3

Call to Order:

- Thomas Geburt, Chairperson, called the public meeting to order at **6:32PM**.

Welcome & Comments by the Chairperson:

- Chairperson Geburt, on behalf of the Council, acknowledged that, with the exception of one, the land on which Anglophone West School District schools, are located is 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, those attending from the public, and media representation. Councillor Geburt also acknowledged Mr. Amgad Salem as the newly appointed Councillor for Sub-district 7. Superintendent McTimoney introduced the district staff in attendance.

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was previously reviewed by the Council. A request to change Kingsclear Consolidated School name was added to the agenda.

MOTION:

..... to approve the agenda including the mentioned revisions.

MOVED BY: Serena Bradford

SECONDED BY: Wallace Carr

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes – September 22, 2022:

- The minutes were previously reviewed by the Council and approved by consensus.
- It was noted that under Mission, Vision and Core Values (page 3), on that night a report of 1476 Child & Youth referrals were submitted during the 2021-2022 school year. Also, at the end of June 2022, a report of 273 students were waiting to be served. Since this report, an update was provided of this number now stood at 132 students waiting to be served.
- Action items were reported as being completed.

MOTION:

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

MOVED BY: Tanya Adams

SECONDED BY: Jim Mills

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Kingsclear Consolidate School Parent Survey Update

- The Superintendent informed those in attendance that the total population of KCS and a small number of students in KCS catchment area that attend GCES, and those in the catchment area but attend HPA were contacted. Satisfaction type questions were asked, and 49 responses were received from KCS, 12 from GCES and 3 from HPA. The data is being analyzed and a presentation will be provided in December or January at the public DEC meeting.

DEC Policy Review Process: Governance Process (GP) 1, 2, 3 and 4

- On September 22, 2022, a discussion took place regarding the number of times DEC members are expected to attend PSSC meetings, resulting in *ASD-W-GP4: Role of Council Members* being revised. Further to this, during a working meeting on October 6, 2022, the Council reviewed four of the Governance Process policies. After discussions with our First Nations Councillor and further independent review of these policies, a recommendation was made for the following changes:
 - GP1 – reviewed and no changes
 - GP2 – reviewed and no changes
 - GP3 – insert after the words Council of DEC Chairpersons - CDC
 - GP4 – Bullet 1 - insert the word “Chairperson and” before the word secretary. Bullet 2 - Include “Councillors elected or appointed for the 13 Sub-districts are expected”. Insert a new bullet after bullet two to read; The First Nations Councillor is a ‘Councillor-at-large’ and thus may attend the PSSC meetings at any ASD-W school attended by First Nation students. The First Nations Councillor may also attend meetings at any First Nations school to which they are invited by a First Nation Chief or Director of Education for a First Nation community.

MOTION:

..... to accept the changes on the policies as they were amended.

MOVED BY: Serena Bradford

SECONDED BY: Hayden Sparks

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations:

Curriculum & Program Presentation: Skilled Trades/Digital Learning/ Co-op/Experiential Learning

- Jon Hoyt-Hallett, Science/Co-op/Experiential Learning Subject Coordinator and Wayland Dickson, Digital Learning and Skilled Trades Subject Coordinator introduced *Lumio* as an example of the latest technology used in schools. An interactive activity was completed by the Council and confirmation was given that Lumio is available to all ASD-W high schools with training. A few remaining schools are soon to have their training sessions completed.
- The “Try a Trade” program is being offered at Carleton North High School. This program (heavy equipment) will be offered again second semester in another ASD-W school. ASD-W is partnership with simulators provide an advanced Co-op program for students. Welding trailers are ongoing in provincial schools with a return to ASD-W expected for second semester.
- Jon reviewed nine sections of the Essential Skills program and shared that students can graduate high school through work placements and enrol in post secondary courses. An interactive presentation was shown to the Council that described foundational learning blocks beginning in Grade 10, with work placements beginning in Grade 12. Various job pathways are available to students through the Essential Skills program.

Circle of Understanding – We are Treaty People! Councillor Perley

- Councillor Perley brought greetings in the Wolastoqey language prior to beginning the Treaty Making Period - Protecting Our Rights presentation. The Treaty Making timeframe was between 1674-1794 and described as the age of healing and survival period. Aboriginal Rights, Aboriginal Title (ownership), Inherent Rights (ancestry and not external government), and Treaty Rights were defined by Councillor Perley.
- The Peace and Friendship Treaties were entered into by the Wabanaki Nations and British Crown. Treaties did not transfer ownership of land but rather established to co-exist. Peace, harmony, friendship, mutual respect and recognizing the institution of each was the intent.
- Councillor Perley added that should the land case be won in the Province of New Brunswick, people will not be asked to leave the territory identified as First Nations land along the Wolastoq (Beautiful and Bountiful) river.
- In closing, Councillor Perley added that reconciliation changes our way of thinking followed by concrete action and healing.

Superintendent Reports:

Superintendent Report (1 of 4) – ASD-W-EL4: Budgeting/Forecasting (2nd Quarter Report)

- The Superintendent presented the report *ASD-W-EL4: Budgeting/Forecasting*, as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented four times per year and is posted publicly on the ASD-W website and the DEC Portal. The Superintendent informed the Council that approximately half of this year’s budget has been spent with a projected balanced budget still in place. It was noted that during the 2021-2022 school year, ASD-W ended with a surplus of \$115, 309.00 that carried forward. Shawn Tracey added that the projected balanced budget could change should Educational Support Services require additional funds to support the needs of students or with rising fuel costs. Councillor Carr asked if The Department of Education and Early Childhood (EECD) would offset the costs of additional fuel and heating costs. Shawn replied that if additional funding was needed, he would approach EECD for monetary support.

Superintendent Report (1 of 1) – ASD-W-EL8: Communication to Council

- The Superintendent presented the report *ASD-W-EL8: Communication to Council*, as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented one time per year and is posted publicly on the ASD-W website and DEC portal.
- New school websites were announced as being transitioned. Chairperson Geburt asked if the timeframe would be longer than the timeframe needed to create the district website. Jennfier Read responded that although it is 70 schools, once the design had been developed, it was the same for all schools. Maintenance of the sites will fall on the schools to update, and the staff of communications will update the district website. Website training modules have been created for school staff and a completion date has been set for June 2023.

New Business:

Sub-district 2 Update

- Chairperson Geburt reported that this Sub-district was still without an appointed Councillor. However, Councillors from other Sub-districts have been attending PSSC meetings so that the schools have access to the Council.

Sub-district 3 Update

- Chairperson Geburt reported that a candidate has applied to fill Sub-district 3 vacancy. Councillors had time to review this individual resume during a private session. A letter requesting to appoint this individual has been written to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development for consideration.

Kingsclear Consolidated School (KCS) Request for Name Change:

- A letter was received by the Council from the KCS Parent School Support Committee requesting to change the school's name from Kingsclear Consolidated School to Kingsclear Community School.
- The rationale for this request includes:
 - The word *community* represents the feelings and beliefs of KCS.
 - All the staff of Kingsclear Consolidated School are in unanimous agreement on changing the name to Kingsclear Community School.
 - All PSSC members voted unanimously in favour of the name change.
 - It has the added bonus of allowing us to keep our KCS initials.
 - KCS is undergoing some changes such as the addition of a school mascot and logo and other upgrades. It is a perfect time to make such a change as well.
 - There has not been any demonstrable desire to keep the name Consolidated within our school name.

MOTION

..... that the Council approve the request to change the school's name from Kingsclear Consolidated School to Kingsclear Community School.

MOVED BY: Paul MacIntosh SECONDED BY: Wallace Carr MOTION CARRIED

- A request was made by the school administration to not divulge this information until after Friday, October 25th as the school wishes to make this announcement. **ACTION:** Chairperson Geburt will write to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to advise him of this decision by the Council.

Correspondence:

- The Chairperson acknowledged an e-mail that was received from a member of the public that will be read during the public comments.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Coon thanked the Council and the district staff for the work that they do.
- The Chairperson referenced an email request from Mr. Andrews which posed a number of questions to the Council. The Chairperson read a statement which paraphrased the questions and contained the Council's response to each question. Text of the statement will be sent to Mr. Andrews.

Closing Comments:

- Chairperson Geburt thanked everyone for attending tonight's public DEC meeting. A reminder was given of the next public meeting in November.

Date of Next Public Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – Fredericton Inn & Conference Centre


Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at **8:00 PM** by Councillor Carr and seconded by Councillor Sparks.



Thomas Geburt, Chairperson

24 November 2022

Date



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

November 25, 2022

Date