



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
Bliss Carman Middle School
Public Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2023**

Council Members Present:

- Candice Browse – Sub-district 3
- Tanya Cloutier – Sub-district 4
- Serena Bradford – Sub-district 5
- Amgad Salem - Sub-district 7
- Michael Mazerolle – Sub-district 9
- Chris Harquail – Sub-district 10
- Jim Mills – Sub-district 11
- Thomas Geburt – Sub-district 13, Chairperson
- Mya McAllister– Student Representative

Council Member Regrets:

- Tanya Adams – Sub-district 1
- Mark Thompson – Sub-district 2
- Vacancy – Sub-district 6
- Janet Dean – Sub-district 8
- Wallace Carr – Sub-district 12, Vice Chairperson
- David Perley – First Nations Councillor

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Darla Day, Director of Schools (FEC)
- Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Paul MacIntosh, Acting Director of Communications
- Jon Hoyt-Hallett, Science/Coop/Experiential Learning Subject Coordinator
- Derrick Grant, Numeracy Subject Coordinator
- Terri McKellar, Budget & Accounting Manager
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & DEC

Guest:

- 5+ Public Guest

Call to Order:

- Thomas Geburt, Chairperson, called the public meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

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 the 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.
- Chairperson Geburt requested that the sign-in sheet be completed by the members of the public. Also, please indicate if you wish to address the Council during the time allotted for public comments. If a response can be provided tonight, it will; otherwise, communication will follow by e-mail or letter.

Introductions:

- The Chairperson welcomed everyone in attendance to the public DEC meeting.
- The Superintendent introduced district office staff in attendance.
- The Chairperson reviewed the time allocation and procedures for public comments at the end of the meeting.

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

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

MOTION:

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

MOVED BY: Tanya Cloutier

SECONDED BY: Mike Mazerolle

MOTION CARRIED

• **Approval of the Minutes – September 28, 2023:**

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

MOTION:

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

MOVED BY: Chris Harquail

SECONDED BY: Jim Mills

MOTION CARRIED

• **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- It was noted that all action items had been completed and a letter regarding the ASD-W Capital Improvement recommendations for 2024-2025 has been forwarded to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. This communication is mentioned on tonight's agenda under correspondence.

• **Superintendent Monitoring Reports:**

Superintendent Report (1 of 4)-ASD-W-EL4: Budgeting/Forecasting

- 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. A report of approximately half of this year's budget had been spent on various operational needs and the Council was shown a detailed overview of accounts. The Superintendent reported to be on target with ending this fiscal year with a balanced budget on March 31, 2024. Following the Superintendent's presentation, he reported to be in-compliance with this policy.
- Chairperson Geburt accepted compliance of this report on behalf of the District Education Council.

Superintendent Report (1 of 1)-ASD-W-EL8: Communication to the 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 the DEC Portal. The policy interpretation and justification were reviewed, and a presentation was shared with the Council. Following the presentation, the Superintendent reported to be in compliance with this policy.
- Councillor Harquail stated that he had not been receiving the daily ASD-W news e-mails from the Communication Director. It was noted that the employee in this position had recently changed and the former DEC Councillor, P. MacIntosh from Sub-district 6 is now the Acting Director of Communications in ASD-W. A discussion occurred about the content shared in the communications and if a different approach should be explored. **ACTION:** The new Acting Director of Communications has committed to reviewing the current service and further discuss options with the Council. Chairperson Geburt accepted compliance of this report on behalf of the District Education Council.

• **Presentations:**

- Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum & Instruction shared how the new Holistic Curriculum evolved in the Province of NB and that 89 schools across the province are now participating. Of these 89 schools, 34 are ASD-W schools. **ACTION:** Dianne will share the list of participating ASD-W schools with the Council and an appendix will be added to the meeting minutes.
- John Hoyt-Hallet and Derrick Grant, ASD-W Subject Coordinators were introduced, and recognition was given for their work on the Provincial Curriculum Implementation Team. It was noted that prior to the new Holistic Curriculum, updates to the curriculum had not been seen since the 1990's.
- The Provincial Curriculum Implementation Team was expected to reduce duplication, clarify expectations, align the learning with the global competencies, and to create one space for all prescribed curriculums. Any additional changes were to modernize the current curriculum.
- Jon identified three key pieces of the holistic curriculum, who we teach, how we teach and what we teach. Seven shared tenets were also identified; *Wabanaki Histories and Cultures, Identities, Inclusion and Equity, Lifelong Learning, Relationships and Connections, Sustainable Futures and Wellbeing* were incorporated in the Holistic Curriculum.
- Derrick reviewed the six key pedagogies that provide the team with a common language and program blocks were identified as being specific to each level of learning. This presentation can be found on the ASD-W website / DEC / Presentations for further reference.

- An activity was shared with the Council and handouts were provided.
- Councillor Salam asked how we are supporting our educators. Dianne responded that professional development will be provided to educators on the new Holistic Curriculum.

• **New Business:**

Review of Council – Staff Relations Policies

- The Chairperson stated that the Council had reviewed the Council and Staff Relations policies during a working meeting that was held on October 5, 2023 at the district office.
- It is the Council's opinion that the following policies which were last reviewed and revised on March 30, 2023, did not require any further amendments. These policies will be reviewed again in March 2024 to ensure they remain accurate and relevant.
 - **ASD-W-CSR 1.0 – Authority of the Superintendent**
 - **ASD-W-CSR 1.1 – Unity of Control**
 - **ASD-W-CSR 1.2 – Delegation to the Superintendent**
 - **ASD-W-CSR 1.3 – Monitoring District Performance**
 - **ASD-W-CSR 1.4 – Annual Summative Evaluation of the Superintendent**

Catchment Area Review – Fredericton North Side

- The Superintendent provided an overview of the new schools under construction on the north side of Fredericton. The new Grades K-5 school on Cuffman Street is scheduled to open in September 2024. This will relieve enrolment pressures at Gibson Neill Memorial Elementary School that has approached 700 students in September. The new Grades K-5 school on McAdam Avenue is scheduled to open in September 2025. In accordance with Section 11 of the Education Act, the catchment area for new schools is to be reviewed and established by the Superintendent. Therefore, the district plans to review all Fredericton Northside (elementary schools) catchment areas beginning with two public consultations meetings. These meetings will occur during the evening in a north side school location. **ACTION:** In the spring of 2024, district staff will present their catchment area findings to the Council for their review and support.

Sustainability Studies (Policy 409) – Oromocto Area

- The Chairperson stated that in 2019 the Town of Oromocto area study was to be completed but, due to the Carleton North area urgency of a new school, there was a delay to this review. An Ernst and Young study was completed in 2018 and since then, the Hubbard Elementary School need to be relocated due to a major heating issue. The new Council has recently reviewed the finding from the Ernst & Young study and confirmation was given that these school were all built in the late 1950's.
- On January 13th at OHS, kiosks will be available to meet the meeting #1 requirements. Short presentations for each school will also occur. On March 16th and 23rd, school communities (sorted by feeder schools) will respond to the district presentation and findings. A tour of all seven schools will be done in April 2024. A final decision meeting will occur on May 9th at a public DEC meeting.
- Attendance was encouraged from all feeder school communities,

MOTION:

..... I move that that Anglophone West School District Education Council, with the support of ASD-W staff, conduct a sustainability study under Provincial Policy 409 for the following seven schools in the Oromocto and surrounding area: Ridgeview Middle School, Harold Peterson Middle School, Summerhill Street Elementary School, Gesner Street Elementary School, Hubbard Elementary School, Assiniboine Avenue Elementary School, and Burton Elementary School.

MOVED BY: Tanya Cloutier

SECONDED BY: Serena Bradford

MOTION CARRIED

ASD-W Boundary Changes:

- The Superintendent requested staff to review the proposed ASD-W boundary zone changes as requested by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD). District staff did not find any concerns with the proposed changes but noted that approximately 5 ASD-W students will now be zoned differently. These students could remain in their current school district and see no impact from this request. **ACTION:** The Chairperson will respond to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development request for boundary changes in ASD-W.

DEC Sub-District 6 Vacancy:

- The Chairperson shared two applications had been received with a third application not qualifying due to their home address not being within sub-district 6 boundaries. **ACTION:** The Chairperson will correspond to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development with the Councils recommendation in filling this vacant position.

Policy Committee Reports: DEC Goals and Priorities for 2023-2024:

- The Chairperson recognized Councillor Browse as the Chair of the Policy Sub-committee. The 2023 – 2024 DEC Goals and Priorities were shared with Councillors earlier to review, and the following motion was made:

DEC Goals for 2023-2024:

- * Our goal is to work effectively and efficiently as a team. We will collaborate with the superintendent, exhibiting a shared understanding of council/superintendent roles. We will continuously discuss, update, and maintain our district policies.
- * We will work hard to create a positive learning environment by providing students and staff with the proper tools, training, and facilities needed to promote continuous student learning and growth. We are dedicated to creating flexible, inclusive, dynamic academic structures that meet the needs of all students.
- * We are committed to creating and maintaining a structurally sound, technologically savvy, and inviting environments for all students and staff regardless of race, gender identity or any other minority.
- * We will be proactive in enhancing and maintaining all district facilities / infrastructure to ensure they can support innovative teaching and learning in a safe inclusive environment all the while promoting community participation.
- * The Council will continue our efforts to become more aware of the history, culture and teachings of our First Nations and will support efforts to acknowledge and accept the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- * Understanding the growing diversity of our province, we wholehearted endorse and welcome the inclusion of the multi-cultural nature of our student population into our educational programming.

MOTION

..... to approve the new District Education Council Goals and Priorities for 2023-2024.

MOVED BY: Mya McAllister

SECONDED BY: Mike Mazerolle

MOTION CARRIED

Council of Student Leaders Update:

- Student Councillor McAllister was recognized as the DEC representative for this sub-committee. Mya informed the Council of upcoming Student Leadership meetings scheduled on October 23 & 24, 2023, (Monday night and Tuesday) at Kingswood Lodge. At that time, a schedule of meetings will be established, and a new President and Vice President will be elected. All Councillors are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Correspondence:

- Letter to EECD: Capital Improvements - September 29, 2023
- Letter to Minister of Education: Sub-district 6 Vacancy - October 1, 2023

Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

Closing Comments

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and he shared his appreciation to Dianne Kay for sharing information on the new Holistic Curriculum.

Date of Next Public Meeting: November 16, 2023 at Minto Memorial High School, 126 Park Street, Minto, N.B.

MOTION:

..... to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED BY: Mike Mazerolle

SECONDED BY: Tanya Cloutier

MOTION CARRIED

- Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:59PM.

Appendix A: Holistic Curriculum - Participating ASD-W Schools
Appendix B: Oromocto / Burton Sustainable Study Schedule

Thomas Geburt

Thomas Geburt, Chairperson

16 November 2023

Date

Carol Clark-Caterini

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

November 16, 2023

Date

Appendix A

Fredericton		Oromocto		Woodstock	
Central New Brunswick Academy	1	Assiniboine Avenue Elementary	1	Andover Elementary	1
Garden Creek	1	Chipman Elementary	1	Bath Community	1
George Street Middle	1	Devon Middle	1	Bristol Elementary	1
Hanwell Park Academy	1	Geary Elementary	1	Canterbury High	1
Harvey Elementary	1	Gibson Neil Memorial	1	Donald Fraser Memorial	1
Harvey High	1	Harold Peterson Middle	1	Florenceville Middle	1
Keswick Valley Memorial	1	Hubbard Avenue Elementary	1	Hartland Community	1
Kingsclear Consolidated	1	Lincoln Elementary	1	Meduxnekeag Cons.	1
McAdam High	1	Summerhill Street	1	Nackawic Elementary	1
New Maryland Elementary	1	Sunbury West	1		
Royal Road Elementary	1			Saint Mary's Academy	1
				Tobique Valley	1
Upper Mirimichi Elementary	1			Townsvew	1
	12		10		12

Total Schools

34

Oromocto / Burton Sustainability Study

Meeting process:

- All meetings will be scheduled for Saturdays to all maximum public / community involvement.
- The initial meeting will be an all-day event for all school communities held at OHS.
- For the second meetings, sessions will be held in the morning for a set of schools and in the afternoon for a different set of schools.
- The final meeting will again be for all schools as any decision regarding one school affects all schools. This will be held at OHS.
- A separate date will be selected for the DEC to tour all of the schools.
- Feeder communities for the middle schools will be invited for middle school discussions.
- Oromocto Town Council should be invited to participate.
- MLA(s) for affected communities should be invited to participate.
- Oromocto First Nation should be invited to participate.
- Base Gagetown military authorities should be invited to participate.

Initial Meeting:

January 13 – All schools together for initial briefing on sustainability process (held at OHS). This would be conducted in a kiosk / expo fashion with allotted times for briefings of individual schools in the theatre.

Meeting #2:

March 16: Morning session - Assiniboine, Hubbard and Burton at Hubbard
Afternoon session - Gesner & Summerhill at Summerhill
March 23: Morning session only - Harold Peterson & Ridgeview at Ridgeview

Council Consideration Period – April (tour of all affected schools)

Meeting #3:

May 9: This meeting will be for all school communities. The DEC will conduct its scheduled working meeting and then switch into a "Special Meeting" for discussion and delivery of it's decision regarding the rationalization of the Oromocto / Burton schools. Location to be determined closer to the date.