



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL Minto Memorial High School Public Meeting Minutes November 16, 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
- Wallace Carr – Sub-district 12, Vice Chairperson
- Thomas Geburt – Sub-district 13, Chairperson
- Mya McAllister– Student Councillor

Council Member Regrets:

- Tanya Adams – Sub-district 1
- Janet Dean – Sub-district 8
- David Perley – First Nations Councillor

Council Vacancies:

- Sub-district 2
- Sub-district 6

ASD-W District & School Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Gina Dunnett, Director of Schools (OEC)
- Paul MacIntosh, Acting Director of Communications
- Susan Young, Data and Accountability Supervisor
- Nelson Arsenault, Principal
- Wendy Robichaud, Vice Principal
- Shelley Caissie, MMHS Resource Teacher
- Wendall Dempsey, IT Support
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & DEC

Guest:

- 1 Media

Call to Order:

- Thomas Geburt, Chairperson, called the public meeting to order at **6:46 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 apologized for the lengthy pre-meeting that caused a delayed start, and he requested that the sign-in sheet be completed by members of the public. Should a member from the public wish to address the Council during the time allotted for public comments, and 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 and he acknowledged two Council vacancies and Councillors not in attendance during tonight's meeting.
- The Superintendent introduced district office staff and school staff in attendance. He also thanked the school staff for the snacks and the School Principal for providing Councillors and district staff with a school tour prior to the public meeting.

- **Consent Items:**

- **Approval of the Agenda**

- The agenda was reviewed by the Council. The Chairperson requested that the Planning Committee for the K-8 school in Carleton North be added to the agenda.

- **MOTION:**

- **..... to approve the agenda with these additions.**

- **MOVED BY: Mya McAllister**

- **SECONDED BY: Candice Browse**

- **MOTION CARRIED**

- **Approval of the Minutes – October 19, 2023:**

- The minutes were previously reviewed by the Council and action items were reported as being completed.

- **MOTION:**

- **..... to approve the minutes as distributed.**

- **MOVED BY: Mike Mazerolle**

- **SECONDED BY: Serena Bradford**

- **MOTION CARRIED**

- **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- **Superintendent Monitoring Reports:**

- **Superintendent Report (1 of 1) - ASD-W-ER2.1: Academic Excellence**

- The Superintendent presented the report *ASD-W-ER2.1: Academic Excellence*, as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented once per year and is posted publicly on the ASD-W website and the DEC Portal.
 - Included in this report were the 2022-2023 Assessment Results. It was noted that younger students missed some learning time during the COVID pandemic that could have contributed to low assessment scores for English reading and French Immersion reading by late immersion students who entered the program in Grade 6. ASD-W saw percentage increases in Grades 4 & 6 Scientific Literacy and Grade 10 French Immersion reading and Post Intensive French Reading.
 - Councillor Mills shared his concerns with Math results being low at 42.7%. Councillor Salam asked the Superintendent how these percentages can be increased. The Superintendent responded that strategies are in place for improvements in all subjects by the time a student graduates. Professional learning and teacher coaching will be available to strengthen this work.
 - The Grade 12 Provincial French Oral Proficiency was closely reviewed with recognition given to the post-intensive French students who participate in oral testing. Councillor Mills asked how high schools can access information and opportunities from the New Brunswick Centre of Excellences initiative. Councillor Mills was informed that all teachers have been shown how to access these resources and contact information online. Centre of Excellence monthly newsletters are also circulated within ASD-W with a request for teachers to share tis information with students. **ACTION:** The Acting Communications Director was asked to link the Centre of Excellence newsletter to the ASD-W website.
 - ASD-W has created a “At A Glance; Key Performance Metrics and Fast Facts” sheet that includes survey, school report card and assessment results. This document can be found on the ASD-W website.
 - The Superintendent reported compliance of the Academic Excellence policy. Chairperson Geburt accepted compliance of this report on behalf of the District Education Council.

- **New Business:**

- **Review of Governance Process Policies**

- Chairperson Geburt stated that the Council had reviewed the Governance Process policies during a working meeting that was held on November 2, 2023 at the district office. During this meeting, it was the Council’s opinion that the following policies required amendments. Changes to these policies were reviewed during the meeting, and it was noted that these policies will be reviewed again in 2024 to ensure they remain accurate and relevant.
 - **ASD-W-GP 1 – Governance Style**
 - **ASD-W-GP 2 – Role of Council**
 - **ASD-W-GP 3 – Role of Council Chair**
 - **ASD-W-GP 4 – Role of Council Members**
 - **ASD-W-GP 6 – Agenda**

MOTION:

..... I move that the amendments to the ASD-W Governance Process Policies, specifically GP1, GP2, GP3, GP4 and GP6, as outlined by the Chairperson, be accepted by the Council.

MOVED BY: Candice Browse

SECONDED BY: Mya McAllister

MOTION CARRIED

• **Cuffman Street Naming Committee:**

- The new K-5 school on Cuffman Street on the northside of Fredericton, is scheduled to open in September 2024. As per *EECD Policy 409, Section 5.6*, it is the responsibility of the DEC to lead in the process of selecting a name for a new school. The rules for the naming process are contained in *Section 6.3 of Policy 409*.
- The Chairperson noted that although *Section 6.3.5* indicates the composition of the naming committee, the Section also states that, "The DEC may establish a separate policy describing which additional members can participate if they wish to have larger naming committees". Therefore, following a procedure that was adopted in the naming of Hanwell Park Academy, he proposed that the naming committee of the new school being built on Cuffman Street consist of two DEC Councillors, with one being the Councillor from the Sub-district in which the school is located. Sub-district 9 Councillor Mazerolle will Chair the naming committee. The other Councillor in whose Sub-district will likely see the next new school built would also be included. Sub-district 8 Councillor Dean will see a new school build to replace McAdam Avenue School and Nashwaaksis Memorial School is expected to welcome students in September 2025. Two ASD-W staff members, one being the Director of Schools for the Oromocto Education Centre, will provide the administrative support to the new school. The other staff member will be named by the Superintendent. In addition, two community members as proposed by the Councillor for the Sub-district where this new school is being built.

MOTION:

..... I move that the naming committee for the new school being built on Cuffman Street on the northside of Fredericton be composed of six members as indicated in the Chairperson's proposal. Specifically, the members are:

- **Mike Mazerolle – DEC Councillor, Sub-district 9, ASD-W**
- **Janet Dean – DEC Councillor, Sub-district 8, ASD-W**
- **Gina Dunnett – Director of Schools, Oromocto Education Centre, ASD-W**
- **Susan Young, Data and Accountability Supervisor, ASD-W**
- **Leah Carle – Community Member**
- **Nancy Wilkins Keetch, Community Member**

MOVED BY: Mike Mazerolle

SECONDED BY: Candice Browse

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: An orientation meeting will be planned with the committee over the next couple of weeks. Councillor Mazerolle was asked to notify the community members of this meeting.

• **Sustainability Studies (Policy 409) – Oromocto Area**

- The Chairperson reviewed the meeting schedule, beginning on January 13, 2024 at Oromocto High School. Kiosks will be available to meet the requirements of meeting #1 and short presentations for each school will be provided. On March 16th and March 23rd, elementary and middle school communities will respond to the district presentation and findings. A tour of all seven schools will be provided for Councillors in April 2024. A final decision meeting will occur on May 9, 2024 during a scheduled working DEC meeting that will move into a public session.
- Communication has been sent to all school communities, including two feeder schools (Lincoln and Geary), Base Gagetown, Oromocto First Nations, and MLA's. The Ernst & Young recommendations are saved on the ASD-W website under a new section called Sustainability Studies. The website location was shown to those in attendance. It was noted that the schools being studied were all built between 1957 and 1959.

• **Sub District 2 & 6 Council Vacancies:**

- The Chairperson identified two vacancies in the ASD-W District Education Council. Sub-district 2 covers the areas of Bath, Florenceville-Bristol, Carleton North and Centreville. Sub-district 6 covers Fredericton southside schools including: Connaught Street Elementary School, Fredericton High School, Garden Creek Elementary School, Hanwell Park Academy, Kingsclear Community School, and Priestman Street Elementary School. School Principals and the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development have been notified of these vacancies.

The Chairperson stated that the Minister has not yet replied to the Councils' letter of 20 October 2023 recommending the filling of the Sub-district 6 vacancy.

- **New Carleton K-8 Planning Committee:**
 - The Superintendent noted the Education Specification document that is followed when planning a new school build. The planning committee must be comprised of a DEC Councillor, Parent School Support Committee member, Community Member, and district staff. A request was made for a DEC Councillor to volunteer as a member of this committee as the sub-district is currently vacant. Councillor Candice Browse from Sub-district 3 volunteered for this planning committee role.
 - The Chairperson reviewed areas of major concern to keep in mind when planning the build of a new school, such as, accessibility, gender neutral washrooms, and to ensure school size is large enough for future growth.
- **DEC Symposium:**
 - The Anglophone East School District is hosting a DEC symposium on Saturday, November 18, 2024 in Moncton. Councillors Browse, Bradford and Dean have committed to attending from ASD-W DEC.
- **Ministers Forum:**
 - Chairperson Geburt reported the discussions from the Minister's Forum that had occurred on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 in Fredericton. School space and infrastructure was discussed. A presentation on equity, diversity, and student wellness, was provided by the Assistant Deputy Minister. A DEC Manager will be hired in the near future, and this position should report to the Council of DEC Chairs. Councillors were informed that a DEC Symposium is intended in the Spring of 2024.
 - The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development informed Councillors that he will not be bringing Bill 46 (reform of the Education Act) back to legislation for review. The Minister also stated that school districts not complying with the revised EECD Policy 713 will face the process for dissolution. Capital budgets were not revealed during the Minister's Forum.
- **Anti-bullying Policy Development**
 - **ACTION:** Councillor Browse, DEC Policy Sub-committee Chairperson, was asked to arrange another meeting with the DEC policy committee to condense the draft Anti-bullying policy and to include the details in a DEC policy format.
- **Council of Student Leaders Update:**
 - Student Councillor McAllister provided the names and associated schools of the new elected Student Leaders President, Vice President, and Secretary. The next planned meeting is on December 14th at the Ayer Motor Centre in Woodstock. This year's topic focus is how ASD-W educates about minority populations from Kindergarten to Grade 12, specifically with the aiming of stopping discrimination of these groups.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Letter to Minister re Vacancy Sub-district 6 Appointment – 20 October 2023
 - Letter to Minister re Boundary Changes – 20 October 2023
 - Letter to Minister re Corrective Action Request – 20 October 2023
 - Letter to Minister re Oromocto Area Schools Sustainability Studies – 20 October 2023
 - Letter to Minister re Devon Middle School – 23 October 2023
 - Letter to Minister re Vacancy Sub-district 2 – 30 October 2023
 - Letter from Minister re Boundary Changes – 6 November 2023
- **Public Comments**
 - There were no public comments.
- **Closing Comments**
 - The Chairperson thanked staff and guests for attending the public DEC Meeting. As well, Nelson Arseneault, Principal was acknowledged for providing the Council with a school tour, that included the sharing of school facts and delicious treats.
- **Date of Next Public Meeting:** **December 14, 2023** at Southern Victoria High School, 13 School St., Perth-Andover, NB

MOTION:

..... I move to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED BY: Mike Mazerolle

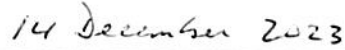
SECONDED BY: Mya McAllister

MOTION CARRIED

- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at **8:14 PM**.



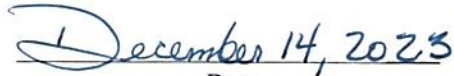
Thomas Geburt, Chairperson



Date



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



Date