



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL**

**Oromocto High School
Public Meeting Minutes
Sustainability Study #1
January 27, 2024**

Summerhill Street Elementary School

Council Members Present:

- Serena Bradford – Sub-district 5
- Ruth Eden – 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
- David Perley – First Nations Councillor

Council Member Regrets:

- Tanya Adams – Sub-district 1
- Tanya Cloutier – Sub-district 4
- Candice Browse – Sub-district 3
- Mya McAllister – Student Representative

Council Vacancies:

- Sub-district 2
- Sub-district 7

ASD-W District & School Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Gina Dunnett, Director of Schools
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Susan Young, Data and Accountability Supervisor
- Paul MacIntosh, Director of Communications
- Ed Hogan, Assistant Manager of Transportation for Oromocto
- Shannon Atherton, Principal
- Sheila Morgan, Vice Principal
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & DEC
- Lori Grant, IT Technician
- Cameron Hovey, IT Technician

Members of the Public

- 7 Guests

Call to Order:

- Thomas Geburt, Chairperson, called the public meeting to order at **10:15AM**. The Chairperson welcomed guests to meeting #1 of the Sustainability Study for the Oromocto Elementary and Middle Schools and Burton Elementary School. Councillors were introduced as was Superintendent David McTimoney who presented. The Superintendent acknowledged district and school staff in attendance.
- An Indigenous land acknowledgment statement was given during the first meeting of the morning by Chairperson Geburt.

Presentation – Summerhill Street Elementary School

- David shared a presentation regarding Summerhill Street Elementary School. His presentation is documented in the accompanying power point presentation and saved on the ASD-W website.

Questions:

- It was asked if parameters were given to Ernst and Young. The Superintendent responded that the company is familiar with the parameters of the project and that government has indicated that they are prepared to build 3 schools.
- It was mentioned that French Immersion students from Sunbury West School area are eligible to attend Oromocto schools, but that busing is limited.
- The accuracy of the Provincial Assessment testing was asked and if the reporting included plus/minus data. The Superintendent responded that this is not the way assessments are reported and that we always want to see results increase.
- It was asked if there was the potential to have a new community public library included in the design of a new school. The Superintendent responded that these conversations need to occur in advance of the design stages between the Town of Oromocto and the Province of NB. As an example, the same would take place if there was an interest in a community pool included in the design of a new school.
- It was asked how a decision to build new schools could occur without public input. The Chairperson informed the individual of the District Education Council’s mandate to approve Major Capital Construction projects during the second meeting in May of each year. A list of Stable Departmental Infrastructure Priorities (SDIP) prioritize these recommendations from seven DEC’s. The Council has identified these schools based on their age and the need of the school communities. The timeframe expected to begin the design/securing of land/build is a 5-year time period. It was asked if this would change should government change. The Chairperson responded that the Council is hopeful that this would not occur, but it could.
- In the Ernst and Young study, it is recommended that a certain acreage size property be acquired for a new school. It is the responsibility of the Council to circle the recommended area with government selecting the final location.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at **10:56 AM**.