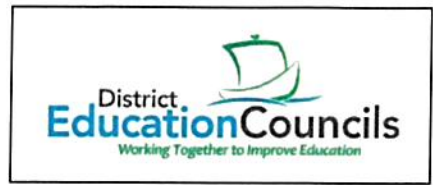




**ASD-W**  
Anglophone School District West



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
Carleton North High School  
Public Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2024**

<p><b>Council Members Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tanya Adams – Sub-district 1</li> <li>• Candice Browse – Sub-district 3</li> <li>• Tanya Cloutier – Sub-district 4</li> <li>• Serena Bradford – Sub-district 5</li> <li>• Ruth Eden – Sub-district 6</li> <li>• Janet Dean – Sub-district 8</li> <li>• Michael Mazerolle – Sub-district 9</li> <li>• Chris Harquail – Sub-district 10</li> <li>• Jim Mills – Sub-district 11</li> <li>• Wallace Carr – Sub-district 12, Vice Chairperson</li> <li>• Thomas Geburt – Sub-district 13, Chairperson</li> <li>• Mya McAllister – Student Councillor</li> </ul> <p><b>Council Member Regrets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Perley – First Nations Councillor</li> </ul> <p><b>Council Vacancies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-district 2</li> <li>• Sub-district 7</li> </ul>	<p><b>ASD-W District &amp; School Staff Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David McTimoney, Superintendent</li> <li>• Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum and Instruction</li> <li>• Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools</li> <li>• Paul MacIntosh, Director of Communications</li> <li>• Jason Smith, Principal</li> <li>• Teagan Taylor, EAL Subject Coordinator</li> <li>• Stacey DesRoches, IT Support</li> <li>• Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent &amp; DEC</li> </ul> <p><b>Members of the Public</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Media</li> <li>• 1 Guests</li> </ul>
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- **Call to Order:**
  - Thomas Geburt, Chairperson, called the public meeting to order at **6:44 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 unsundered 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.
- **Introductions:**
  - The Chairperson welcomed those in attendance to the public District Education Council (DEC) meeting. The Superintendent introduced district staff in attendance. School Principal Jason Smith was acknowledged for providing a school tour prior to 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: Chris Harquail**

**SECONDED BY: Mya McAllister**

**MOTION CARRIED**

• **Approval of the Minutes – January 25, 2024:**

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

**MOTION:**

**..... to approve the January 25, 2024, District Education Council minutes as presented.**

**MOVED BY: Ruth Eden**

**SECONDED BY: Tanya Cloutier**

**MOTION CARRIED**

• **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- There was no business to discuss from the previous meeting minutes.

• **Superintendent Monitoring Reports:**

**Superintendent Report (1 of 1) - ASD-W-ER2.3: Healthy Living**

- The Superintendent presented the report *ASD-W-ER2.3: Healthy Living*, 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 Superintendent acknowledged the support of Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Susan Young, Data and Accountability Supervisor and Ross Campbell, Physical Education and Personal Wellness Subject Coordinator, in collecting data included in this report. Resiliency data from the Competence, Autonomy, Relatedness, Relevance (CARR) Student Survey, ASD-W report card results and the Resiliency data from the NB student Wellness Survey appendices were reviewed.
- The Superintendent reported compliance with Policy ASD-W-EL4, and this was accepted by the Council.

• **Presentation:**

- Teagan Taylor, English as an Additional Language (EAL) Subject Coordinator, presented a report titled Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on behalf of Adora Inguman, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Program Facilitator in ASD-W. This is a new position in ASD-W that was created this school year to support and promote anti-racism. The work completed, highlights from this initiative and next steps were reviewed. It was noted that the actions taken by every person should include being humble, sitting with discomfort, reflecting on your personal role/don't take it personally, promoting all forms of social justice, and most importantly, listening.
- The Superintendent noted working closely with the Atlantic Education Institute (AEI) as newcomers are welcomed in ASD-W.

• **New Business:**

**Minister's Excellence in Education Awards**

- The Chairperson informed those in attendance that the work of the Awards sub-committee was now completed. This sub-committee consisted of Councillor Bradford (Chair), Councillor Carr and Councillor Harquail who had the difficult task of selecting three nominations from several deserving candidates employed in ASD-W. The Chairperson stated that the selected candidate names were submitted to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development within the timeline given. The Awards sub-committee were acknowledged for their hard work and summary contributions. Councillor Harquail commented on all nominations being excellent submissions.

**Carleton North K-8 School Designs – Education Specifications – March Public Meeting**

- The Chairperson reviewed the work of the previous Council to include a sustainability study on the Carleton North area schools in September 2019. On May 21, 2020, the Council recommended a new Grades K-8 school be built in the Carleton North catchment area to replace the Bath Community School, Bristol Elementary School, Florenceville Elementary School and Florenceville Middle School. On July 24, 2020, a response was received from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) that approved this recommendation contingent on the project being approved and funded as part of EECD's capital budget. EECD announced, on 29 June 2023, that funds had been allocated to begin the site selection and design process for this new K-8 school.
- It was noted that while the DEC had previously provided EECD with a general area for the new school, the actual location within the Carleton North catchment area will be selected by the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development and an announcement from him is expected in the near future. The design committee was established that included Councillor Browse as a participant. The school design – education specifications report will be presented at the 27 March public meeting.

**Sustainability Studies (Policy 409):**

• **Town of Oromocto and Area – Update**

- The Chairperson reviewed the outcome of Sustainability Study meeting #1 at Oromocto High School on January 27, 2024. School kiosks and district presentations for each school were exceptional, however attendance was reported as being low.
- The schedule for the second meeting was reviewed, beginning with the morning of **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM** at **Hubbard Elementary School**. Presentations for the Burton Elementary School, Assiniboine Avenue School and Hubbard Elementary School will be presented during this time by the members of each school community. A school tour of Hubbard Elementary School will be available for the Council following these presentations.
- On **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM** at **Summerhill Street Elementary School**, the community presentations will continue for Gesner Street Elementary School and Summerhill Street Elementary School. A school tour of Summerhill Street Elementary School will be available for the Council following these presentations.
- On **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:00 AM** at **Ridgeview Middle School**, presentations from the school communities of Ridgeview Middle School and Harold Peterson Middle School will be presented by the members of each school community. A school tour of Ridgeview Middle School will be available for the Council following these presentations.
- The Council will tour the remaining schools on the morning of Saturday, April 13, 2024 as well as conduct a working meeting in the afternoon.
- On **Thursday, May 9, 2024** the Council will be conducting a working meeting followed by a public meeting where the outcome of the Town of Oromocto Elementary/Middle Schools and Burton Elementary School will be discussed. This meeting will be held at Oromocto High School.

• **Land Request – Central Carleton Nursing Home:**

- A request was received on February 6<sup>th</sup> from the Administrator of Central NB Nursing Home Inc. requesting a parcel of land from an ASD-W school for the beautification and improvement of grounds adjacent to the nursing home. A map was shown of the Hartland Community School. Councillor Bradford inquired on which nursing home was making the request as the letter appeared to be from the Administrator in Boiestown and not the Administrator in the Hartland area. In light of this observation, this agenda item was parked until the Director of Finance and Administration could clarify.

• **DEC Work Plan for 2024 – Update**

- The Chairperson reviewed the remaining Council meetings for this school year, and he noted the remaining work needing to be completed.
- The Superintendent reported that on April 8<sup>th</sup> a total solar eclipse will pass over New Brunswick. In light of this event, approval has been granted for this day to be an early dismissal for students.

• **Revised DEC Meeting Schedule:**

- A revised DEC meeting schedule was shown to the Council.

**Council of Student Leaders:**

- Councillor McAllister reported the next scheduled meeting will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> in Fredericton. A final report will be presented to the Council at the public meeting in June 2024.

• **Correspondence:**

- There was no correspondence to report other than the land request that was previously discussed.

• **Committee report:**

- Councillor Cloutier reported that the Policy committee will be meeting next week to discuss a cell phone policy. Councillor Cloutier acknowledged Councillor Mills for his submission of articles related to EECD Policy 311. The Chairperson noted the recent media attention about the use of cell phones in schools.
- Councillor Browse noted that work on a proposed Anti-Bullying policy will be presented at the next DEC meeting.

• **Public Comments**

- A member from the public addressed the Council with a concern she had about the restrictions on volunteers at Harland Community School. She went on to say that a recent grievance was submitted by unionized support staff reporting their work was being completed by a volunteer. As a result of this, no volunteers are allowed during instructional hours.



- The individual asked if it would be possible to rewrite the job specifications so that volunteers can support students struggling academically? It was noted that the Elementary Literacy Friends (ELF) program and the Big Brothers and Sisters program that promoted the support of volunteers was active in many ASD-W schools.
- The Superintendent reviewed the CUPE 2745 agreement that speaks to volunteers not replacing the bargaining employees. The interpretation of this agreement is key. In January, a report of volunteers from schools was shared with the union, including coaching, hot lunch program, baking, lunch delivery, and reading buddies. **ACTION:** The Superintendent will review this specific situation and connect with this concerned citizen.
- The Superintendent reported 35 ASD-W schools had participated in an initiative this school year that included Academic Support Teachers (AST) in elementary and some middle schools. He reported that Dianne Kay meets regularly with these teachers and that a more detailed update will be given at the next public DEC meeting.
- The member from the media requested a copy of the DEC schedule for the remaining sustainability study meetings being conducted on Oromocto area schools. She also requested to know if the Carleton North site been announced yet. The Chairperson responded that it had not. **Note:** The Chairperson provide the media individual with a copy of the sustainability study schedule after the meeting concluded.

• **Closing Comments**

- The Chairperson reminded the Council that the Long-term Recommendations will be discussed at the March working meeting. The Chairperson reported that he has attended several PSSC meetings, and he reminded Councillors to ask their school PSSC's if they have discussed the Provincial Long-term Recommendations document and, if not, to engage the committee on this discussion.
- The Chairperson thanked those in attendance for attending the public DEC meeting.

**Date of Next Public Meetings:** **Wednesday, March 27, 2024** at Canterbury High School.

**MOTION:**

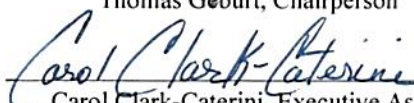
**..... I move to adjourn the meeting.**

**MOVED BY: Chris Harquail      SECONDED BY: Mya McAllister      MOTION CARRIED**

- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at **8:00 PM.**

  
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 Thomas Geburt, Chairperson

*27 March 2024*  
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 Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant  
 to the Superintendent & DEC

*March 27, 2024*  
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 Date