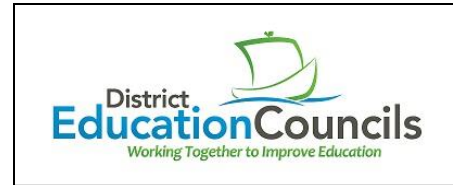




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Anglophone School District West



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
Hubbard Elementary School  
Public Meeting Minutes  
Sustainability Study #2  
March 16, 2024**

**Burton Elementary School, Assiniboine Avenue Elementary School & Hubbard Elementary School**

<p><b>Council Members Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tanya Adams – Sub-district 1</li> <li>• Tanya Cloutier – Sub-district 4</li> <li>• Ruth Eden – Sub-district 6</li> <li>• Janet Dean – Sub-district 8</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> </ul> <p><b>Council Member Regrets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candice Browse – Sub-district 3</li> <li>• Serena Bradford – Sub-district 5</li> <li>• Michael Mazerolle – Sub-district 9</li> <li>• Mya McAllister – Student Representative</li> <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>• Gina Dunnett, Director of Schools</li> <li>• Paul MacIntosh, Director of Communications</li> <li>• Ed Hogan, Assistant Manager of Transportation for Oromocto</li> <li>• Melanie Charleton, Principal, Burton Elementary School</li> <li>• Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent &amp; DEC</li> <li>• Lori Grant, IT Technician</li> </ul> <p><b>Members of the Public</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. Mary Wilson, Minister of Service New Brunswick</li> <li>• Approximately 56 Guests</li> </ul>
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- **Call to Order:**
  - Thomas Geburt, Chairperson, called the public meeting to order at **9:00 AM**. The Chairperson welcomed guests to the second Sustainability Study meeting for the Town of Oromocto Elementary/Middle Schools and Burton Elementary School.
  - Chairperson Geburt began the meeting with a land acknowledgement on behalf of the District Education Council. He acknowledged that the land on which all Anglophone School District West schools, with the exception of one, is located on 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 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 introduced Councillors and he provided the sub-district that they represented. As well, introductions were given for David McTimoney, Superintendent, and district office and school staff in attendance.
- **Presentation – Burton Elementary School**
  - The first speaker was Ms. Evelyn Peddle who acknowledged that this was the third sustainability study for the Burton Elementary School. The maximum student capacity is 63 students, which will always be a trigger school due to the population being below 100 as stated in the revised Policy 409.

- Ms. Peddle identified the challenges for Burton Elementary School to be insufficient parking, no professional areas for visiting specialists to work privately, no dedicated School Counsellor or Behaviour Intervention Mentor to support proactive social and emotional learning, no breakout areas in the classrooms, limited washrooms for staff and students and limited childcare in the community. It is Ms. Peddle's opinion that these challenges could be met if the Burton Elementary School were to have a proper K-5 or K-8 school instead of a K-2 school, and with a restricted catchment area. Ms. Peddle referred to the 2016 census when the Burton community had more residents than the Geary community, who have a new Grade K-5 school. Ms. Peddle closed indicating that maintaining the status quo of the current structure would only prolong the inevitable closure of the only school in Burton.
- ***The approximate time of the presentation was 10 minutes. Ms. Peddle's speaking notes will be added to the ASD-W website, under Sustainability Studies.***
- Mr. Dinner, PSSC Chairperson, and Ms. L. Cudia's presentation included the advantages of the Burton Elementary School, beginning with the student/teacher ratio, ties to the community and the school spirit. Mr. Dinner stated that the community was growing with a younger demographic who needs a school for their children.
- Key factors for a school to remain in the Burton community were provided with the children being the most important factor. It was noted that a school brings strong community ties and an economic impact with potential growth for businesses. A list of key factors was reviewed with students being the primary focus. The smaller class sizes, strong bonds with staff and students, and short travel times between 15 – 40 minutes were highlighted as some advantages with a school remaining in the community.
- Mr. R. Dinner closed the presentation with the PSSC vision for a new or renovated larger Burton Elementary School that includes a daycare and Early Learner Programs. A new school configuration requested would be a K-5, K-6 or K-8 school that would serve the Town of Oromocto, Burton and rural area communities. In closing, Mr. Dinner, on behalf of the PSSC requested the school boundaries to be reviewed.
- ***The approximate time of the presentation was 20 minutes. Mr. Dinner's presentation will be added to the ASD-W website, under Sustainability Studies.***
- Mr. Marty Forsythe, Chair of the Capital Region District and Burton Directors as well as a resident since 1980 acknowledged that the Town of Oromocto and area do need new schools. He stated that major renovations have been invested in the Burton Elementary School, which included new ventilation, siding, and a new septic system. Although the school lacks a proper size gymnasium, and the functional capacity is now at 60%, but at one time at 89%, a recommendation was made for the Burton Elementary School to remain in the community until a new school is built.
- ***The approximate time of the presentation was 10 minutes. Mr. Forsythe's speaking notes will be added to the ASD-W website, under Sustainability Studies.***
- Ms. Dormer, Assiniboine Avenue Elementary School PSSC Chairperson and Hubbard Elementary School PSSC Vice Chairperson, informed the Council that the PSSC Chairpersons from all seven schools met to discuss what recommendations each school would make. Consensus from this meeting was given for Ms. Erin Dyker, PSSC Chairperson from Summerhill Street Elementary School, to present to the Council on behalf of all seven schools. In closing, Ms. Dormer shared that the recommendation from all seven schools was for three new K-8 schools as students will continue their studies in one school until high school, as this was seen as the easiest model for families and an opportunity for social development between grades.
- ***The approximate time of the presentation was 5 minutes. Mr. Dormer's presentation will be added to the ASD-W website, under Sustainability Studies.***

- **Questions & Comments:**

- Chairperson Geburt asked Councillors if they had any comments or questions following the presentations, but there were none. Time was given for those in attendance to speak, with one community member adding that a school in a small community is a housing selling point and that his child loved the Burton Elementary School.
- The Chairperson reminded the audience of the remaining sustainability study meetings, with the afternoon planned at the Summerhill Street Elementary School. On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Ridgeview Middle School, the community will have the opportunity to speak and/or present to the Council about the Ridgeview Middle School and Harold Peterson Middle School.

- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at **9:45 AM**. Following the adjournment, the Council was provided with a tour of the Hubbard Elementary School.