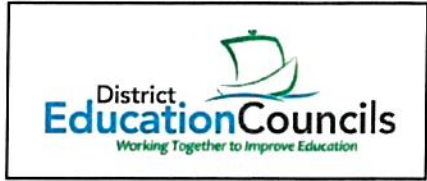




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Anglophone School District West



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL**

**McAdam High School
Public Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2024**

<p>Council Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candice Browse – Sub-district 3 • Serena Bradford – Sub-district 5 • Ruth Eden – Sub-district 6 • 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 <p>Council Member Regrets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanya Adams – Sub-district 1 • Tanya Cloutier – Sub-district 4 • Janet Dean – Sub-district 8 • David Perley – First Nations Councillor <p>Council Vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-district 2 • Sub-district 7 	<p>ASD-W District & School Staff Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David McTimoney, Superintendent • Darla Day, Director of Schools, Fredericton Education Centre • Wendy Cumberland, Acting Director of Education Support Services • Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration • Paul MacIntosh, Director of Communications • Collin Tibbits, IT Support • Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & DEC <p>Members of the Public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Media • 7 Guests
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- **Call to Order:**
 - Thomas Geburt, Chairperson, called the public meeting to order at **7:10 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 School District West 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 the 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 everyone to the public District Education Council (DEC) meeting. The Superintendent introduced district staff in attendance.
- **Consent Items:**

Approval of the Agenda

 - The agenda was reviewed by the Council and approved by consensus.

MOTION:

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

MOVED BY: Mya McAllister SECONDED BY: Mike Mazerolle MOTION CARRIED

- **Approval of the Minutes – April 25, 2024:**
 - The minutes were previously reviewed by the Council. The Superintendent noted a revision needed on the second page to clarify ASD-W currently employs 1.8 FTE School Psychologists rather than this being the number of funded positions. **ACTION:** The Superintendent will further review the draft April minutes and approval will be given at the June 27th public meeting at the Fredericton Education Centre.

- **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - There was no business to discuss from the previous month minutes.

- **Superintendent Monitoring Reports:**
 - Superintendent Report (1 of 1) - ASD-W-ER4: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity**
 - The Superintendent presented the report *ASD-W-ER4: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity*, 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.
 - **ACTION:** The Chairperson requested that when reviewing the process section (Appendix A of the report) with staff, the Council also be advised of any changes made in the appendices.
 - The Chairperson and Councillor Eden both raised concerns about the data collected from the N.B. Student Wellness Survey, question #1 about feeling safe at the school. It was noted that 42% from the LGBTQS+ community not feeling safe at school. Confirmation was had that this survey is circulated amongst students in Grades 6 – 12. It was asked if this data could be dissected further and by area (urban / rural) when collected. Wendy Cumberland acknowledged that this could be considered as the report is collected by school.
 - The Superintendent reported compliance of this report and the Council accepted this report as complying.

- **Superintendent Monitoring Reports:**
 - Superintendent Report (1 of 1) - ASD-W-ER2.2: School Culture**
 - The Superintendent presented the report *ASD-W-ER2.2: School Culture*, 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. It was noted that some of this data contains information previously seen by the Council from infrastructure reports. Chairperson Geburt commented on the school culture data reflecting that children were not happy. Also, that this data was not relevant for younger grades. No further comments were given by the Council.
 - The Superintendent reported compliance of this report and the Council accepted this report as complying.

- **Presentation:**
 - Council of Student Leaders Project Review:**
 - Councillor McAllister reported on the work completed by the Council of Student Leaders (CSL) during the 2023-2024 school year. Her presentation is posted on the DEC Portal.
 - The top five take-aways from their work on discrimination included home-life, societal influence, accepting & understanding, accountability and support. Councillor McAllister informed the Council that the final edits are being completed and once completed this report will be provided to the school district and various stakeholders. The final report will also be posted on the ASD-W website.
 - Councillor Browse asked if anything was a surprise from the outcome of their work. Councillor McAllister responded that she was surprised that students were not aware of racism.

- **New Business:**
 - Council Vacancies (Student and Sub-district) Update:**
 - The Chairperson acknowledged Sub-district 2 and Sub-district 7 Councillor positions that remain vacant. An interest has been received from someone in Sub-district 2 and that approval of this appointment had been sent to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.
 - The Chairperson also acknowledged the upcoming Student Councillor position for the 2024-2025 school year to replace Councillor McAllister. The deadline to apply for this position was Friday, April 26, 2024, and over 30 applications had been received. During the private meeting, consensus was reached from the Council on the student selected for this replacement.
 - **ACTION:** A request to appoint the successful submission will be made to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development early next week.

- Education Specifications – Liverpool / Forest Hill Update:**
 - The Chairperson acknowledged Councillor Eden as being a participant of this sub-committee and that the design specification is expected by the Council to review by June 13th with an approval given by the Council at the public DEC meeting on June 27th. A representative from The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will be in attendance at the public meeting.

- The Superintendent asked if the sub-committee had visited other new schools in ASD-W, such as, Hanwell Park Academy, Townsview School and Meduxnekeag Consolidated School. Councillor Eden responded that school visits had not been done, and that she would make this recommendation to the Forest Hill / Liverpool Street Elementary sub-committee.

Change in School Hours K-2 Level – Update:

- The Superintendent informed the Council that the operating hours for school's hours will change in September 2024 as a result of the recent change with Grades K-2 instructional time increasing to align with Grades 3-8 students. This change is an increase of approximately 1.5 hours per day for the Grade K-2 age group.
 - The Superintendent shared that the City of Fredericton and Town of Oromocto elementary schools have a grandfathered half day on Wednesdays (Fredericton) and Friday (Oromocto). Consequently, dismissal times and bus schedules will be affected for the six middle level schools and three high schools in order to cater to the transport requirements of all students.
 - The Superintendent informed the Council that further brainstorming will occur amongst school administrators and the school district with a decision expected to be made publicly in approximately one week. At this time, a formal written communication will be sent to families and members of the Council from the Superintendent on the outcome.
- **Capital Planning / Projects 2025 – 2026**
 - Shawn Tracey presented a report on the ASD-W infrastructure. This report is presented annually to the Council. Shawn identified the four current capital projects which are underway (Fredericton Northeast on Cuffman St., Nashwaaksis Memorial / McAdam Avenue, Carleton North, Liverpool / Forest Hill) in ASD-W.
 - The Stable Departmental Infrastructure Priorities (SDIP) were reviewed, and it was noted that these projects do not have to be studied or re-submitted to the province for approval as they will be initiated once funded is allocated.
 - Projects on the Quadruple Bottom Line (QBL) list will be assessed by the department and ranked in order of priority. These projects will eventually migrate to the SDIP as SDIP projects are funded.
 - Shawn stated that the Capital Improvement List projects were more than 400 projects for the 69 ASD-W schools in the amount of \$69 M. **ACTION:** Shawn requested that the capital improvement list be shared with school administrators during a walk through of their schools to confirm if these projects were still needed or if additional projects needed to be added. The Superintendent was in agreement of this list being shared by Shawn's team.
 - The Major Capital Priorities proposed by the district was reviewed for the Council's consideration. These projects include; Saint Mary's Academy – building addition, Montgomery Street Elementary School – replacement, Garden Creek Elementary & Kingsclear Consolidated School – rationalization study, Village of McAdam Schools – rationalization study, Woodstock High School – mid-life project, Minto / Chipman Schools – building assessment, Leo Hayes High School - shop and skill trades addition/renovation, Barkers Point Elementary School – replacement, Plaster Rock Schools – review K-12 concept and Doak Road – new K-8 school.
 - Chairperson Geburt asked if a priority project for St. Mary's Academy could be identified as a Tier 1 project and moved to the SDIP list after being scored. Shawn confirmed that this was a possibility and could happen.
 - Chairperson Geburt recommended the following priorities as, #1 - St Mary's Academy (Tier 1), #2 – Montgomery Street Elementary, #3 - Garden Creek Elementary/Kingsclear Consolidated Schools, #4 – Village of McAdam, #5 – Woodstock High School, #6 - Minto/Chipman Schools, #7 – Leo Hayes High School, #8 - Barkers Point Elementary School, #9 - Plaster Rock Schools and #10 - Doak Road new school.
 - The Superintendent added that in August 2024, the Province of N.B. will own Leo Hayes High School following a purchase from a third-party owner.
 - Councillor Carr asked where Devon Middle School was on the lists. It was confirmed that Devon Middle School was on the SDIP, and approval of a new school was not needed. Councillor Mazerolle asked if there was some form of action that the Council could take to move Devon Middle School to a higher position on the SDIP lists due to the urgent situation at the school. The Superintendent recommended adding this emergency request to the Capital Planning Projects letter to the Minister for consideration. Shawn stated that he did not see the student population increasing at the Devon Middle School for a number of years as per the Baragar software that would move this project to a Tier 1 project.

MOTION:

..... to approve the Capital Project list for the 2024-2025 school year.

MOVED BY: Ruth Eden

SECONDED BY: Mya McAllister

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: The Chairperson will submit the ASD-W Major Capital Projects request letter to the department next week.

• **Committee Reports**

Anti-bullying Policy

- Councillor Browse reported a 12-page recommendation proposal had been drafted and that it will be sent to the Council. **ACTION:** Councillors were asked to review this DRAFT policy that will be further discussed at the public meeting on June 27th.

• **Correspondence:**

- Letter to the Minister regarding an interest in the DEC Vacancy in Sub-district 2 was sent on May 6th.
- Letter to the Minister regarding the results of the Sustainability Study in the Town of Oromocto and Burton area Elementary and Middle Schools was sent on May 14th with a response expected before the end of this school year.

• **Public Comments:**

- Mr. R. Andrews commented on Mya's presentation as being exceptional. Mr. Andrews proceeded to speak his opinions on the meaning of a New Brunswick graduate.

• **Closing Comments:**

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending the public DEC meeting.

- **Date of Next Public Meetings:** Thursday, June 27, 2024, at the Fredericton Education Centre / Office of the Superintendent.

MOTION:


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

MOVED BY: Candice Browse

SECONDED BY: Ruth Eden

MOTION CARRIED


- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.



Thomas Geburt, Chairperson

27 June 2024

Date



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

July 5/24

Date