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Minister Claire Johnson
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
250 King Street
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Dear Minister Johnson:

I am writing to you on behalf of the District Education Council (DEC) of Anglophone School District West (ASD-W) and in compliance with Section 6.3.9 of the Provincial Policy 409 – Multi-Year School Infrastructure Planning. I am pleased to share the name of the new ASD-W school located on the north side of the City of Fredericton. After an extensive process that included consultation with many, the Council has decided on the name **Sunset Acres Elementary School** for our new school.

As per Sections 6.3.3 and 6.3.5, the DEC confirmed a naming committee at the 21 November 2024 public meeting of the Council. The committee included the following:

- Janet Dean – DEC Councillor, Sub-district 8, ASD-West (Chair)
- Candice Browne – DEC Councillor, Sub-district 3, ASD-West
- Connor Brennan – DEC Councillor, Sub-district 2, ASD-West
- Darla Day, Director of Schools, Fredericton Education Centre
- Susan Young, Director of Data and Improvement, Office of the Superintendent
- Sheena Hatheway, Chair of the PSSC at Nashwaaksis Memorial Elementary School
- Amy Lockhart, parent and member of the PSSC at Nashwaaksis Memorial Elementary School

The committee held a preliminary meeting on 3 December 2024, to conduct a review of Policy 409 and to establish a meeting schedule. The first official meeting was conducted virtually on 9 January 2025, where they developed their plan to engage with the community and gather suggestions for naming the school. The committee decided to follow a process similar to that used in naming Cuffman Street Elementary and to use a Microsoft Form.

On 31 January 2025, the committee met again virtually on Teams to discuss the rollout of the naming process. Susan Young created a Microsoft Form as a landing page that asked for name suggestions from the public for the new school. On this page, members of the public were also asked to give an explanation as to why the suggestion was made.

The link for the landing page was promoted on the district website and social media channels by the ASD-W Director of Communications, Paul MacIntosh, on Nashwaaksis Memorial's website and in their Weekly Newsletter. The committee also received some media coverage in the Daily Gleaner.

The committee met again on 14 February 2025 on TEAMS to discuss the submissions, organize the data, and eliminate duplicates submissions. The committee held its final meeting, in person, on 21 March 2025 to apply consensus voting on all submissions. Susan Young was instrumental in helping with this process. At this last meeting, the committee was able to bring the list of 547 names down to three recommendations for the District Education Council's approval. It should be noted that the committee invited the new principal for the school, Jason Burns, to attend some of the meetings and partake in discussions.

It was the committee's opinion that the process and strategy worked extremely well, and while the list was large, there was agreement by all members on three names that are reflective of the community's input. In compliance with Section 6.3.8, Councillor Dean presented the findings and three names to the DEC at our in-camera meeting held on 27 March 2024 just prior to the DEC Public Meeting. The choices were:

- Sunset Acres Elementary
- Sunset Acres Elementary School
- Dr. Brian Carty Memorial Elementary

The Council reviewed the names and process during our session and was unanimous in our selection of **Sunset Acres Elementary School** as the name for our new school located on McAdam Avenue on the north side of the Fredericton.

At the DEC Public Meeting yesterday, we described the process and noted that the name was confirmed in our private session. Respecting Section 6.3.10, we did not reveal the name of the school. We are hopeful that, in the very near future, you will be the lead in officially announcing the name of this wonderful new school. While it will certainly be of interest to the public, it will also be important to release the name in a timely manner as construction continues and resources, which will require the official name included on them, are secured.

I trust that this letter meets the needs as outlined in Policy 409. Should you have any questions, please reach out to either myself or to Superintendent David McTimoney.

Sincerely,



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Anglophone School District West

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