



# ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
MINUTES (APPROVED)  
Thursday, November 29, 2012  
Oromocto Education Centre**

**Council Members Present:**

Sheila Gallagher – SD 01  
John Slipp – SD 03  
Miriam Grant – SD 04  
David Bowen – SD 06  
James Kozlowski – SD 07  
Ronald Buck – SD 08  
Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice-Chair  
Donald Gould – SD 11  
Mark Noël – SD 13 – Chair

**Regrets:**

Norma Shaw – SD 02  
Elizabeth Nason – SD 12  
Andrew Corey – SD 05

**District Office Staff Present:**

Gina Dunnett – Data and Accountability Supervisor  
Rick Demmings – Senior Education Officer, Oromocto Education Centre  
David McTimoney – Superintendent  
Cathy Buck – Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Secretary to the District Education Council

**Guests:**

Media (1)  
Public (3)

**I. Call to Order / Comments by the Chair**

The DEC Chair, Mark Noël called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**II. Consent Items – Agenda and Minutes**

Mark mentioned that he would like to add a letter from John Staples under correspondence. With that, the agenda and the minutes from the October meeting were approved by consensus.

**III. Correspondence – Outgoing and Incoming****• Outgoing**

- To the Minister Jody Carr suggesting a name for the DEC Vacancy in Sub-district 10.
- To Matt McGuire re Certificate of Achievement in the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence
- To Jared Mallard re Minister's in Excellence Teaching Award
- To Jeanette Collette re Minister's in Excellence Teaching Award
- To Sylvie Poirier re Minister's in Excellence Teaching Award

**• Incoming**

- From Geary PSSC re bussing; awaiting information from Transportation.
- From John Staples re location of playground at new Fredericton North Elementary School. DEC will be acknowledging.

#### IV. New Business

- David McTimoney introduced Rick Demmings, the Senior Education Officer for the Oromocto Education Centre and thanked the Information Technology technicians, Jill Gilbert and Wendell Dempsey, for being on call.
- David then introduced Gina Dunnett, Data and Accountability Supervisor. Gina presented the provincial assessment results for 2011-2012: Grade 2 Reading; Grade 2 Writing; Grade 4 Reading; Grade 4 Writing; Grade 7 Reading; Grade 7 Writing; Grade 9 Reading; Grade 9 Writing; Grade 3 Math; Grade 5 Math; Grade 8 Math.

##### Concerns:

- "Sampling" which is the marking of only 20% of Grade 2 writing across the province. Gina explained how that sampling occurs.
- Ensuring quality programs to all schools, no matter the size, or whether rural or not.
- What will be done with the results of gender gaps with Math and Literacy?

Gina is working on an executive summary to be shared with DEC at a later date.

She explained that schools get individual results for reading. Teachers can make use of their own school-based results. Provincial results and school-based results are used in School Improvement Plans.

- David presented the district expenditure plan. A big part of the budget goes towards salaries.

##### Comments, Questions, Concerns:

- Would city transportation for students be covered under the "contracted conveyance line"? *By e-mail, Shawn Tracey responded that "To my knowledge, we do all our own bussing and conveyances are individual contracts for service not with Fredericton City".*
- What dollar amount is each PSSC receiving? Is it based on student ratio? What is the formula used? *By e-mail, Shawn responded "PSSC funding is rolled into school budgets to maintain the total amount they had in the past globally. We did not allocate it by any formula this year. We maintained status quo from three separate funding models".*
- PSSC budget is used for the school dialer system; feel this should be coming out of the school budget.
- How are budgets designed for a small school? Are allowances made? *David responded that he would hope that a school with concerns would raise them with him.*
- Contracts under negotiation: NBTF (expired Sept 29, 2012); CUPE 2745 (currently planning); NBUPPE (on the horizon); CUPE 1253 (unsure but furthest date).
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##### Motion

**...To accept the information on the district expenditure plan as provided.**

**Moved: Jane Buckley**

**Seconded: Sheila Gallagher**

John Slipp commented that he was reluctant to approve the expenditure plan based on the lateness of receiving the budget and the DEC having little to do with the preparation of the plan. Feels the DEC should ask the province to deliver the budget in a more timely fashion.

**Motion Carried**

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**...To write a letter to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Education, relaying concern for the lateness in receiving the budget, albeit the change in the district restructuring, and the need to receive the budget in May.**

**Moved: Ronald Buck**

**Seconded: James Kozlowski**

Mark requested that David draft a letter for his signature.

**Motion Carried**

**V. Superintendent's Report**

David reported on school visits; First Nation Enhancement Meetings; the hiring of three First Nation Coordinators; meetings with Superintendents; the Minister's Forum; the Minister's Excellence in Teaching Award event; continuing through transition and merging practices.

**VI. Public Comment**

No comments from the public.

**VII. Next Meeting** – December 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the Fredericton Education Centre.

**VIII. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Mark Noël, Chairperson, DEC

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Cathy Buck, Secretary, DEC

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