



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, October 17, 2013
Lincoln Elementary Community School

<p>Council Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheila Gallagher – SD 01• Norma Shaw – SD 02• John Slipp – SD 03• Andrew Corey – SD 05• David Bowen – SD 06• James Kozlowski – SD 07• Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair• Kimberley Douglass – SD 10• Donald Gould – SD 11• Elizabeth Nason – SD 12• Mark Noël – SD 13 – Chair• Ronald Buck – SD 08 <p>Council Member Regrets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miriam Grant – SD 04	<p>ASD-W Staff Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David McTimoney, Superintendent• Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC Secretary• Rick Demmings, Senior Education Officer, Oromocto Education Centre• Catherine Blaney, Director of Education Support Services• Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum and Instruction <p>Guests: Media (1)</p>
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I. Call to Order / Comments by the Chair

The District Education Council (DEC) Chair, Jane Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Jane mentioned that she will be attending her first Ministers forum this weekend in Moncton.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- The September 19th minutes were approved by consensus with the following amendments.

1. Move the statement made by John Slipp from a New Business item to Capital Improvements Project.

..... I appreciate the council support of this community project and I want to reiterate my support of this project and thank the council for finding a compromise to move forward.

2. Add a bullet before The Superintendent Report outlining that a Communication Policy discussion was held and it was decided that the Communication Policy would be discussed at the DEC retreat on October 25th and 26th, 2013 in Mactaquac.

IV. Business Arising from the Minutes

- September minutes indicated that infrastructure binders are being revised. David McTimoney updated the committee with information and that these should be ready at the end of October 2013 for DEC.

V. Correspondence – Outgoing and Incoming

- Jane will bring correspondence received to next meeting.

VI. New Business

- No new business to report.

VII. Presentations

- A. Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum and Instruction with ASD-W. Dianne spoke about the District Improvement Plan (DIP) and review of policy as well as welcomed comments and questions.
- B. Catherine Blaney – Policy 322, review of policy, comments and questions.
- Personalized Learning Plan(PLP) will be replacing the SEP.
 - Time-out, grade retention, School based ESS Team in school, EST-Time allocations, accountability are all noted.
 - There is a process and implementation plan but we are looking for a balance.
 - Kindergarten students registering now will they be on a PLP plan? Part of the sign-up, we currently do that now with a meeting and follow-up plan.
 - Accommodation – universal and justified accommodation currently. John- more high school graduates coming out with a high list of demands. Teachers are currently teaching this now as it is just good teaching values.
 - Ron – we have added one more adult into a room where we have students with high needs. How does this apply to students who are really excelling now? Policy 322 has not cleared up this matter and he feels that this policy does not address this deficit. PLP will hopefully capture these gifted students.
 - Mark – do we track as a District, suspensions and supply teacher’s as students may be sent home if taught by a supply teacher. David, there is a drop down option to select various options. Not sure if it shows supply teacher but could be.
 - Mark – tutoring, are we getting additional funding from government. David – part of the budget line and is going to be used for tutoring and we feel that the need is now there with this policy. This will reinforce the schools to do everything they can do to keep a child in the school.
 - Mark - Graduation ceremonies question with this policy. David – that a child in a wheel chair will cross the stage as other students, as an example.

- James - 6.8.6.3 – advanced placement students concerns. David B. will ensure these courses and programs will continue when meeting with the curriculum committee.
- John – trust the district will do everything they can to ensure the programs are fulfilled.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- Update on Woodstock area schools. Former education council requested 2 schools and government provided funding for 2 schools, K-8. School #1 – awarded tender on Bull Road. School # 2 former Carleton Manor site adjacent to the current elementary school. We were on site for sod turning. \$540,000.00, each, assigned for purchases for the new schools. 4 schools have worked on wish lists. Transportation team currently working on a catchment area for these schools.
- Nov / Dec we will need to hire a Vice Principal and Principal for these new schools. Further to this, we will put together a naming committee under policy 409. \$80,000.00 awarded to new schools for capital improvements, specific to playgrounds; fundraising for additional playground equipment is required. Into the winter we will look at school colors. In April, a new fiscal year will begin and there will be another round of funding for purchases. Oct. 31st, 2014 a target date for completion. Schools are encouraged to come forward with their concerns and ideas through appropriate channels.
- John – normally PSSC is part of a hiring committee, what will happen in this case. David – 1 member from each school will be involved.
- John – Will a PSSC be involved in transition planning? David – plan to go to Woodstock and have a meeting with PSSC groups to have this discussion.
- John – boundaries, will there be much changes? David – Catchment areas are somewhat defined and S. McLeod, Transportation Manager is looking at this now.
- DEC requests to receive an update as events take place.
- PSSC Training – handout provided with chart of dates, times. Ron unable to attend his date and Kim will need an assistant as Mark cannot attend in New Bandon.
- John reflects on his last PSSC meeting – showed power point, and handouts of topics discussed and a couple of games.
- Mark – Bruce Vanstone – anti bullying presentation with PSSC's.
- Sexual Health Nurse Progress – David spoke with Faye Skarrup and Joannie Jenkins. MOU presentation committee meeting at our office tomorrow to review/revise, hear presentation and plan for communication to public/parents. Joannie to conduct needs assessments. Goal of partial implementation of full scope of services right after Christmas 2013 in the Fredericton and Oromocto Ed centres areas.

IX. Committee Reports

- John would offer to sit on the provincial fundraising committee and would like to review the minutes of fundraising.

X. Public Comment

XI. Closing Comments

Date for Next Meeting: Thursday, November 21st, 6:30 p.m. at Woodstock Education Centre

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm



Jane Buckley, Chairperson, DEC



Date



Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC



Date