



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 17, 2015  
Fredericton Education Centre**

**Council Members Present:**

- Sheila Gallagher – SD 01
- Norma Shaw – SD 02
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- David Bowen – SD 06
- Terry Pond – SD 07
- Ron Buck – SD 08
- Jane Buckley – SD 09
- Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Vice Chair
- Donald Gould – SD 11
- Elizabeth Nason – SD 12
- Mark Noël – SD 13 – Chair
- Tim Nicholas – First Nations

**Council Member Regrets:**

- John Slipp – SD 03
- Miriam Grant – SD 04

**ASD-W Staff Present:**

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Tanya Whitney, Director of Schools
- Mark Manderson, Assistant Transportation Manager
- Daniel Wishart, Transportation Manager
- Philip Cliff, Facilities Manager
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC Secretary

**Guests:**

- Media (1)
- Ernest & Young Staff (2)

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

- The District Education Council (DEC) Chair, Mark Noël called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and he welcomed everyone to the public meeting at the Fredericton Education Centre.

**Approval of the Agenda – December 17, 2015**

- The agenda was reviewed and revisions were made with the addition of adding Transportation and Early French Immersion under the New Business section. Also, January 7, was added under “Dates for Next Meeting” section for the Public Sustainability Studies Meeting # 2 for the Town of Nackawic Schools. With these revisions, the agenda was approved by consensus.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – November 26, 2015**

- The minutes were approved by Consensus as presented.

**New Business**

- Representatives (Kevin and Pierre) from Ernst & Young presented a 57 page Multi-year Infrastructure Report for Leo Hayes High School. This school is the second largest high school in the Province of NB with Fredericton High School being the largest. Two scenarios were discussed with scenario #1 being the addition of a new school wing to relieve the current overcrowding and replace the 8 on-site mobile classrooms. Scenario # 2 suggested to review five potential boundary changes for the Leo Hayes High School catchment area, keeping in mind the functional capacity of each school involved. Recommendation made by Ernst & Young was to consider scenario # 2 and re-zone students rather than building an additional wing to the school. Boundary changes would include: the Durham Bridge area, Zionville Road, Portobello Drive, South of the Princess Margaret Bridge and the potential Keswick Valley Memorial School boundaries. A final review and recommendation was made of combining scenario # 2 (re-zoning of catchment areas) and review of busing Leo Hayes High School shop class students to Fredericton High School. The cost of busing is much cheaper than a new shop addition; therefore, it was recommended

- staying with status quo with respect to the shop classes. Transportation cost is approximately \$3500.00 annually compared to the cost of \$1.9 M to build a shop to house automotive and carpentry programs.
- Councilors were given an opportunity to ask questions about the report. Councilor Jane Buckley complimented the representatives from Ernst & Young on preparing a very thorough and informative report. Her only negative aspect was the disappointment to learn of the loss of hope for a shop facility at Leo Hayes High School.
  - The history of Leo Hayes High School was provided by Ernst & Young representatives with the school being a P3 school. A P3 facility is a public/private partnership. This one has a 30 year lease. The cost of a P3 facility is usually higher due to front end load cost. The company owns the model used in studying schools and the forecasting for Leo Hayes High School was considered with a 5% conservative growth. This forecast was based on internal contacts only.
  - Councilor Elizabeth Nason asked how the contact process for the re-zoning of students would occur. Provincial Policy 409 included a statement that consultation was needed with District Education Councilors to determine the re-zoning of students. Further discussion was needed prior to moving forward with this recommendation.
  - This study was initiated from a District Education Council requests to The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development as a result of adding Leo Hayes High School to the Capital Improvement Lists for major construction. This study was funded by the Province of New Brunswick and advice was given that in 2021, school sizes needed to be reviewed again. Councilor Kimberley Douglass pointed out that with freeing up space at Leo Hayes High School, this will allow for more teaching facilities such as labs. Kimberley thanked the representatives for a job well done.
  - An update was given by the Superintendent on the current Sustainability Studies. Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> was confirmed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at the McAdam Elementary School and Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> was chosen for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the Town of Nackawic Schools. Saturday, January 9, 2016 was chosen for an in-camera meeting to review all Sustainability Studies for this school year. The final sustainability study meeting will be included in the public meeting on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Tom Morrison Theatre, Fredericton High School.
  - The Superintendent provided information to the District Education Council regarding the recent December 4, 2015 decision to keep some schools opened when the district was faced with power outages and storm related weather. That day was a combination of two events that we needed to consider: weather and power. We currently have access to a site provided by NB Power that reports, by account number, power outages. The Facilities Manager monitors this site. At the recent Principal's meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>, Administrators were asked to provide their thoughts on delaying the start of school along with bus delays. The consensus was to delay both the school day as well as buses on days such as this in the future. The Superintendent reviewed the closure of school process which begins at 5:30 a.m. with consultation between Daniel Wishart, Transportation Manager and the Superintendent. Each school zone has different weather conditions and each area is considered individually. The transportation team and Facilities Manager work hard on mornings such as these.
  - The Superintendent provided an update on school cafeterias. On November 25<sup>th</sup> a meeting was held with Chartwells officials and district representatives where menu flexibility, commission, and the continuation of services in twelve schools were discussed. Reports have shown that during the first 3 months of school, Chartwell's reported a loss of \$183,000 in gross sales from ASD-W School Cafeteria's. Chartwell's was willing to continue their service, even if they broke even, but as a business they could not operate with such a loss. In the pasts, services were adjusted to operate on days when sales were good. Chartwells is the main organization that had been awarded the bid for a long time in school cafeterias. The twelve schools that will lose cafeteria services have contacted local businesses and their community. Eleven schools have a plan in place to continue food services with one school still looking at options. A financial report was provided from the 2014-2015 school year where ASD-W received a rebate cheque from Chartwell's in the amount of \$100,000. That year, cafeteria repairs amounted to \$108,000.00. So far this school year, Woodstock High School has been identified as the school with the most significant financial loss from cafeteria sales. The Superintendent added that Chartwell's is a good corporate partner and we respect their decision in breaking the contracts for these twelve school cafeterias. Councilor Ronald Buck was

concerned for the school staff and their time that will now be needed to assist with a hot lunch program. Councilor Elizabeth Nason asked why students were not accessing their school cafeterias if they were not allowed to leave the school property. The Superintendent referenced Policy 711 and that Healthy Learners and school dietitians were out and about in our schools, along with school staff. In addition to this, cafeterias are inspected regularly and they are scored the same as other public restaurants with either a green, yellow or red light. The Superintendent reported that all 43 schools with cafeteria services reported a financial loss except the Stanley School.

- Councilor Jane Buckley provided a dual busing update for French and English students to travel on the same bus. On Tuesday, February 16, 2016 the Province of New Brunswick Court of Queen's Bench appeal hearing will be heard.
- The Superintendent expects to soon be provided information on Early French Immersion. Once he knows more, he will then share this information with District Education Councilors.

#### **Committee Reports**

- The Potato Harvests Committee consists of Councilors Sheila Gallagher, John Slipp, Norma Shaw, and David Bowen. Councilor Sheila Gallagher reported that she had spoken with a farmer from the Carleton North area. A request had been made for him to speak at an upcoming meeting about more students being allowed to use farming as an education tool. Chair, Mark Noël requested a report prior to the end of this mandate.

#### **Correspondence – Outgoing and Incoming**

- Correspondence from Minister Serge Rousselle regarding Professional Learning Days.

#### **Public Comment**

- No public comments were made.

#### **Closing Comments:**

- Mark Noël thanked the district staff and media for attending the meeting and a reminder was given for the upcoming meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup> at the McAdam Elementary School.

#### **Date for Next Public Meeting:**

- Tuesday, January 5, 2016 Sustainability Study-Public Meeting #2–McAdam Elementary School
- Thursday, January 7, 2016 Sustainability Study-Public Meeting 2-Nackawic Elementary School

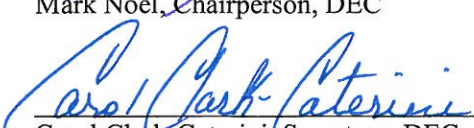
#### **Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. moved by Donald Gould followed by Elizabeth Nason. Councilors took a 5 minute recess and then continued with an in-camera session.

  
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Mark Noël, Chairperson, DEC

Date

March 17, 2016

  
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Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC

Date

March 17, 2016