



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
Thursday, May 19, 2016
Fredericton Education Centre**

Council Members Present:

- Sheila Gallagher – SD 01
- Norma Shaw – SD 02
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- David Bowen – SD 06
- Terry Pond – SD 07
- Ron Buck – SD 08
- Jane Buckley – SD 09
- Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Vice Chair
- Elizabeth Nason – SD 12
- Mark Noël – SD 13 – Chair

Council Member Regrets:

- John Slipp – SD 03
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- Donald Gould – SD 11
- Tim Nicholas – First Nations

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC Secretary

Guests:

- Media (3)
- Members of the public (13)
- LHHS Administration (2)
- FHS PSSC Chair

Call to Order / Comments by the Chair

- The District Education Council (DEC) Chair, Mark Noël called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and he welcomed everyone to the public meeting at the Fredericton Education Centre.

Approval of the Agenda – May 19, 2016

- The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – April 28, 2016

- The minutes were approved as presented.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- There was no business to report from the previous minutes.

Superintendent Reports:

- **ASD-W-ER2: Academic Excellence (DIP, Assessment Results)** - the Superintendent presented a report called **ASD-W-ER2: Academic Excellence (DIP, Assessment Results)** as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. Councilor Ron Buck asked about the level one courses offered in ASD-W. The Superintendent advised that a larger school is usually a setting to offer more courses due to the population to make up the class size. If enough interests (18-20 students) was shown at another school then the course would be offered. Councilor Mark Noël asked how the 10 Year Ed-Plan will change this process. The Superintendent advised that our District Improvement Plan will potentially need to be tweaked to align with the 10 Year Ed Plan. Councilor Noël also asked if the district had received the 2016-17 FTE allotment and if so, did it align with student enrollment. The Superintendent reported that at this time the FTE had not been released from The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Councilor Jane Buckley asked if any provincial testing had taken place during the 2015-16 school year. The Superintendent reported that a new grade 6 pilot project (Numeracy and Literacy) had occurred during this school year and that it is not reported publically.
- **ASD-W-EL7: Sustainability of Schools** - the Superintendent presented a report called **ASD-W-EL7: Sustainability of Schools** as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. The Superintendent reviewed the most recent schools to be studied and a review was provided with

recommendations to remain status quo for Nackawic Elementary School, Nackawic Middle School, Nackawic High School, McAdam Elementary School and Burton Elementary School. A recommendation was made to close the Millville Elementary School sending students to the Nackawic Elementary School. All recommendations were approved by the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development with the Millville Elementary School scheduled to close on June 30, 2016.

- **ASD-W-EL6: Effective Use of Schools** - the Superintendent presented a report called **ASD-W-EL6 – Effective Use of Schools** as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. The Superintendent acknowledged the support of district staff in assisting him with this report. The Superintendent began with the 2014-15 student enrollment to be 23,273 and 22,874 reported for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a decline of 399 students in ASD-W schools. The Superintendent reported that the French Immersion Program was offered in 37 schools in a K-12 system and 17 schools in the 6-12 system. Functional Capacity, Enrollment data, French Immersion, District Multi-year School Infrastructure Plan and the Capital Improvement Project Lists were included as appendices to the Superintendent report. Councilor Ron Buck asked why Priestman Street Elementary School was reported to have a functional capacity rate of 84% when they believed that this school was full to capacity. The Superintendent confirmed that this summary included the current 2 mobiles and an additional mobile for next year, which reduces the percentage. The Director of Finance and Administration, Shawn Tracey made the Council aware that future reporting of the District Infrastructure Reports will be added to the DEC Portal and not printed in a binder as in the pasts. Councilor Sheila Gallagher asked if ASD-W was going back to the old way with three districts and if that system worked better. The Superintendent reported that ASD-W consists of three Director of Schools (Rick Demmings-OEC, Tanya Whitney – FEC and Jay Colpitts – WEC) that each oversee a number of schools in their area and that this structure was working well as workloads for Subject Coordinators, Managers and Directors are now equal and manageable. The Superintendent reiterated Policy 309 where a French Immersion class can be offered when the class sizes is comparable to an English Class. All schools in Anglophone West School District include a French class but not French Immersion Courses. It was asked if French speaking students, which live in a French speaking home, could attend an English school such as the John Caldwell School. The Superintendent confirmed that a student could attend an English school that offered the French Immersion Program but that they could not enroll in the Program. Shawn Tracey, DFA, presented a presentation called District Multi-Year School Infrastructure Proposal for 2016. This report included a list of all schools in ASD-W and the year they were build. Each school outline the utilities cost per square meter, approved Capital Improvement Projects for 2016-17, triggered schools and the Major Capital Lists and Improvements Projects for 2017-2018. During this report, Shawn reported that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development had approved to study the Bath Schools. Councilors reported to have done a lot of work during the Sustainability Study on the Bath Schools and that the Province should have done their study prior to the closure of one school and students moved to another. The Bath school has been approved for \$70,000.00 to conduct a study on the two buildings.

New Business:

- **Village of Gagetown Land Inquiry** – Shawn Tracey made the Council aware of a recent formal request made by the Mayor of Gagetown to have access to a road that would cross the Gagetown School site (back of sports field) for Village workers to access a lift station housed in a Village building approximately four times per year. In exchange for the access right, the Village has committed to move a school gazebo to another location on their property at the Villages expense. The School Principal has been made aware of this request and she was excited to have this gazebo moved closer to the school building.

Motion

..... I move that the Village of Gagetown have access to the Gagetown School property.

Moved: Kimberley Douglass

Seconded: Terry Pond

Motion Carried

- **Capital Improvement Projects** – this report was presented by Shawn Tracey. Councilor Sheila Gallagher asked why we were continuing to invest money into a school that was located in a flood zone. Shawn responded that a lot of Provincial “flood money” had been invested at the time of the flood. This investment would be for the upkeep of the building and the gymnasium so that graduations could be held at the school rather than the Civic Centre. If another flood was to occur, the building would need to be deemed unsafe in order to close the school. The Superintendent added that Policy 409 – Sustainability Study is not needed if an urgent situation should occur. Estimated cost is not shown on the report at this time due to the tendering process. Roofs that need to be repaired are listed as the top 25 projects.

Motion

..... to approve the Capital Improvement Projects as presented.

Moved: Jane Buckley

Seconded: Sheila Gallagher

Motion Carried

- **Major Capital List – 2016-2017** – A proposed list of Major Capital Projects were presented with recommendations to FHS - midlife upgrade, Bath Middle School - expansion, LHHS - continuation from priority lists 2015-16, OHS – midlife upgrade, Connaught Street Elementary – continuation from priority lists 2015-16.
- **Major Capital List – 2017-2018** – A proposed list of Major Capital Projects were presented with recommendations to LHHS - continuation from priority lists 2015-16, Hanwell study – review of schools serving the Hanwell “catchment” area, OHS – midlife upgrade, Connaught Street Elementary – continuation from priority lists 2015-16, Woodstock High – midlife upgrade and Carleton North High – midlife upgrade.

Motion

.....I therefore move that we request a skills trade addition to Leo Hayes High School and that we make it our number one priority for Major Capital Construction.

Moved: Kimberley Douglass

Seconded: Jane Buckley

Motion Carried

- Councilor Ronald Buck added his support for the motion and that he would vote in favor of this motion and the Hanwell Road area study.

Motion

.....I move that the Hanwell study be reviewed serving the Hanwell Catchment area in collaboration with the Fredericton South Schools Study.

Moved: Jane Buckley

Seconded: Terry Pond

Motion Carried

Motion:

.....that the Carleton North be added as #3 on the lists for mid-life upgrade.

Moved: Norma Shaw

Seconded: Carleton North

Motion Denied

- **An amendment to the motion was requested by Councilor Kimberley Douglass to make Carleton North High School #5 on the Major Capital List for 2017-2018.** Kimberley gave her reasoning for leaving OHS and Connaught in a higher position on the list as these schools were recently scored high during the Provincial scoring process.

Motion:

..... I move that the Carleton North High School be moved to #5 on the lists for mid-life upgrades.

Moved: Kimberley Douglass

Seconded: Elizabeth Nason

Motion Carried

Motion:

.....I would move that we move Connaught Street School as #3 and Oromocto High School as #4 on the lists.

Moved: Jane Buckley

Seconded: Elizabeth Nason

Motion Carried

Motion

...I move that we keep Woodstock High School on the lists.

Moved: Kimberley Douglass

Seconded: Sheila Gallagher

Motion Carried

- Mark announced that he just received a message from Councilor John Slipp. He sent his regrets as he was unable to make the meeting.

Motion

.....to move the Potato Harvest Meeting to the June meeting as Councilor John Slipp was absent.

Moved: Jane Buckley

Seconded: Ron Buck

Mental Health Additions to DEC Policies:

- A recommendation was made for Policy ASD-W-ER5 to be named Healthy Living, Good Mental Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity.

Motion

..... I move that we make the recommended changes to this policy.

The motion was amended to remove the word "good" from the Mental Health addition to the policy

Moved: Kimberley Douglass

Seconded: Sheila Gallagher

Motion Carried

- A recommendation was made for Policy ASD-W-ER3 to have an additional bullet indicating "Offering support for students to promote Mental Health.

Motion

.....that we approve these changes as presented in ASD-W-ER3

Moved: Norma Shaw

Seconded: Elizabeth Nason

Motion Carried

- A recommendation was made for Policy ASD-W-ER6 to have an additional sentence at the end of the paragraph that identifies "A quality program supports Mental Health."

Motion

.....that we approve these changes as presented in ASD-W-ER6.

Moved: Norma Shaw

Seconded: Miriam Grant

Motion Carried

- Carol will provide the revised policies for Councilors to include in their policy binders.

Committee Reports:

- **Leo Hayes High School Catchment Report** - Councilor Jane Buckley reported on behalf of the committee that included Councilor Terry Pond, Councilor Ronald Buck and Councillor Kimberley Douglass. The mandate for this committee was to review the recent Ernst & Young report and make the necessary recommendations to take the population strain off Leo Hayes High School. Catchment areas, student population and the functional capacity were reviewed with a proposal to move 29 students that live below the Portabello Drive to the Oromocto Schools. Schools. The schools impacted are; Barkers Point Elementary School, Devon Middle School, Oromocto High School, Ridgeview Middle School, Harold Peterson Middle School, Hubbard Avenue School, and Assiniboine Avenue Elementary School. Portabello Drive and above to the Princess Margaret Bridge would move to Bliss Carman Middle School and Fredericton High School. A total of 57 students from the Durham Bridge area split would move students to the Stanley School and Devon Middle School. The Keswick Valley catchment area would move 69 students to the Nackawic High School to assist their enrollment and lessen the strain on Leo Hayes High School. A total of 165 students would be impacted.

Motion

..... that the District Education Council adopt the report and recommendations of the changes in catchment areas as reported by the DEC sub-committee to take effect in the fall of 2017.

Moved: Ronald Buck

Seconded: Terry Pond

Motion Carried

- Councilor Mark Noël asked that consideration be given to the public and that the Vice Chair continue to chair this portion of the meeting. Councillor Jane Buckley added that students attending Leo Hayes High School in the 2017-2018 school year would only be affected and that all other students would be grandfathered. Councilor Mark Noël acknowledged the good intent shown in the report of this committee but that he would recommend a motion be made in the fall of 2016 and that the decision be left to the new Council and Superintendent. Councilor Ronald Buck added that the committee had met on five occasions and if we accepted the report but agreed to table-it, then this problem is set aside and remains unsettled.

Public Comments:

- Lisa Jones introduced herself as part of the local sub-district for the Maugerville area and that she was speaking on behalf of the community. Stephanie spoke as a parent that lived in the Nackawic catchment area with concerns about extra-curriculum activities being missed. Darren McKenzie acknowledged his appreciation for having the Hanwell study back on the list to be studied but that he was disappointing after the presentation. Jamie McKenzie from the Durham Bridge area referenced the motion made tonight and noted that the public had not been consulted. In addition to this, was consideration given to level one courses not offered at a rural area school? A school that his children would be zoned to attend does not offer level 1 courses and his younger child will be forced to attend a French Immersion school as a result of this recommendations.

Closing Comments:

- Councilor Mark Noel asked the council if they would like to continue the meeting in-camera to discuss a private matter. Consensus was given that we needed to discuss the matter tonight and Councilor Ronald Buck motioned to adjourn the public meeting.

Date for Next Meetings:

- Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the Office of the Superintendent

Adjournment:

- The public meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. and Council continued with an in-camera meeting.

Mark Noël, Chairperson, DEC

Date

Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC

Date