



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

**Thursday, November 26, 2015
Woodstock Education Centre**

Council Members Present:

- Sheila Gallagher – SD 01
- Norma Shaw – SD 02
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- 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

Council Member Regrets:

- John Slipp – SD 03
- David Bowen – SD 06
- Tim Nicholas – First Nations

ASD-W Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools, WEC
- Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Gina Dunnett, Supervisor of Data and Accountability
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC Secretary

Guests:

- Media (1)

I. 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 Woodstock Education Centre.

II. Approval of the Agenda – November 26, 2015

- The agenda was reviewed and a correction was made to the date Thursday, December 15th to Tuesday, December 15th. With this change, the agenda was approved by consensus.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – October 29, 2015

- The minutes were approved with the addition of October 2015 added to the motion made at the top of page 3 of 5. With this change the minutes were approved by consensus.

IV. Business Arising from the Minutes

- David McTimoney updated the committee of the recent water damage at the Nackawic High School. This damage had caused one wing of the school to be temporarily closed. The Facilities Department have been on-site and communication between The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, David McTimoney-Superintendent, Shawn Tracey-Director of Finance and Administration, Philip Cliff-Facilities Manager and Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools had occurred. Currently, it is not possible for this wing to be re-opened due to the substantial damage. The outcome of this meeting was to wait until the Sustainability Study for the three Nackawic Schools was completed before making a decision as to after tearing down the wing or investing into repairing the wing, The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development makes the final decision. Three options remain on the table for the Nackawic Schools; a K-8 or 6-12 School, the investment of financial dollars or to remain status quo.

- School Naming Committee's will consist of the following individuals: Bath School – Shawn Tracey-District Representative, Bryan Kelly-EECD Representative, Gaylan Drost-Community Representative and Norma Shaw-District Education Council Representative. Stanley School – Gina Dunnnett-District Representative, Sandra McKinnon-EECD Representative, Nola Carr-Community Representative, and Kimberley Douglass, District Education Council Representative.

Motion

.....to approve the Naming Committees as presented.

Moved: Donald Gould

Seconded: Terry Pond

Motion Carried

V. Committee Reports

- Sheila reported that in January 2016 a report on the Potato Harvest for 2015-16 will be given.

VI. Correspondence – Outgoing and Incoming

- A letter had been written by the Superintendent on behalf of the District Education Council to Minister Serge Rousselle requesting one Professional Development day be added and to focus it on Mental Health. Councillors commented on the quality of the letter and David confirmed that the correspondence had been received by the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.

VII. New Business

- An update was given on the recent Sustainability Studies in Anglophone West School District. David confirmed that all reports had been completed and he continues to monitor the website discussion boards for comments from the public. The Sustainability Studies outcome will be announced at the upcoming Public Meeting on January 28th that will be held at Fredericton High School, Tom Morrison Theatre.
- Mark Noël recommended that an update on the Policy Governance Conference recently attended in Halifax by David Bowen and himself will be given at a future meeting when David Bowen is present.
- Coles Island School and the Bath Elementary School needed to be declared as surplus schools.

Motion

.....I move to declare the Bath Elementary School as Surplus.

Moved: Don Gould

Seconded: Sheila Gallagher

Motion Carried

Motion

.....I move to declare the Coles Island School as Surplus.

Moved: Jane Buckley

Seconded: Ron Buck

Motion Carried

VIII. Superintendent Reports

- **ASD-W-EL8 – Communication to Council:** the Superintendent presented a report called **ASD-W-EL8 – Communication to Council** as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. Communication is done on a regular basis by e-mail to Councillors, and on occasion. Via conference calls, individual calls and one on one conversations.

- **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. Dianne Kay assisted with this report and she spoke about the transition of Lead position employees now assigned back into the classrooms. Leads were given a two year leave from their previous Contract B Teaching positions and they were staffed early-on in the staffing process. The loss of the Lead positions has caused some challenges for the District, but we continue to move forward. Schools were given a two week window to distribute their report cards. The feedback received from parents were positive as they felt involved. A discussion followed on the comment section with a 1000 character box available for Numeracy and Literacy and other sections were given a 300 character box. Teachers are being creative in forwarding their comments in this parameter.
- Don Gould asked if there was a cap set on the number of days a teacher is pulled out of a classroom. Dianne Kay expanded that twitter, on-line tutorials, dinner meetings, Wednesday afternoon meetings, weekend sessions and summer meetings were now being done. However, some pull-out was still needed but not to the amount as in previous years.
- Dianne Kay reported on the District Improvement Plan (DIP) for 2015-2016. The first goal set is to improve formative assessment practices. With additional goals of improving the professional learning environment and shared leadership capacity.
- Gina Dunnett reported on the 2014-2015 Provincial Assessment Results. Results this year were on par with the rest of the Province and an improvement in Grade 8 Math had been shown. Councillor Donald Gould asked why the “Strong Achievement” had declined in the past years and in particular the Grade 9 ELPA. Gina responded that there was a slight decrease in the “Strong Achievement” category but we are achieving overall.

IX. Public Comment

- No public comments were made.

X. Closing Comments:

- Mark Noël thanked the district staff and media for attending the meeting and a reminder was given for the upcoming meeting on December 1st at the Millville Elementary School.

XI. Date for Next Public Meeting:

- Tuesday, December 1, 2015, Sustainability Study-Public Meeting #2–Millville Elementary School

XII. Adjournment:

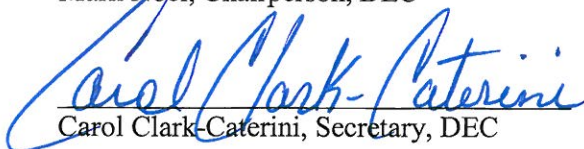
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. following a move by Jane Buckley and seconded by Miriam Grant. Councilors had a 5 minute recess and then continued with a private session.



 Mark Noël, Chairperson, DEC

DEC 17, 2015

 Date



 Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC

Dec 17, 2015

 Date