



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Thursday, November 24, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Woodstock Education Centre

**Council Members Present:**

- Andy Saunders – SD 02
- Heather Hogan – SD 03
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- Stephanie Haslam – SD 06
- Terry Pond – SD 07
- Sean Winslow – SD 08
- Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair
- Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 - Chair
- Wallace Carr – SD 12 (*call in*)
- Mark Noël – SD 13

**Council Members Regrets:**

- Sheila Gallagher – SD 01
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11

**ASD-W District Staff Present:**

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Karen Morton, Director of Human Resources
- Gina Dunnnett, District Alignment Champion
- Jason Humphrey, Director of Communications
- Susan Young, Supervisor of Data and Accountability
- Catherine Blaney, Director of Education Support Services.

**Guests: 5**

- Media (1)
- Members of the public (4)

**Vacancies:**

- Vacant – First Nations
- Vacant – Student Representative

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

Kimberley Douglass, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the public meeting at the Woodstock Education Centre. The Chair noted that one DEC member is calling in tonight.

The Chair provided an update that a reception was held with approximately two-thirds of MLA's, three-quarters of DEC and District staff in attendance. The Chair indicated the DEC could consider to doing this each year.

**Consent Item – Approval of Agenda**

The Chair proposed the following:

**Motion 1:**

- (1) Move an agenda item under New Business to an in-camera session.
- (2) The in-camera session would come after the Consent Item - Approval of the Agenda.
- (3) Under New Business – Committee Work an appointment to the Healthy Fundraising Committee be made.

With those three (3) changes, we need to have approval by consent.

Moved by: Mark Noël

Seconded by: Andrew Corey

Motion Carried.

**In-Camera Meeting**

The Public Meeting went in-camera at 6:39 p.m.

**Motion 2: Return to public meeting.**

**Moved by:** Terry Pond  
**Moved by:** Miriam Grant  
**Seconded by:** Heather Hogan  
**Motion Carried.**

**Consent Item – Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting of October 27, 2016**

In Business Arising from the Minutes, the following changes were recommended:

- (1) The bottom of page one (1) and continuing to the top of page two (2) the following changes were suggested: The first “Motion Carried” should be removed. The second “Motion Carried” should state “Amendment Carried” and “Motion Carried as Amended”.
- (2) The bottom of page three (3) where it states “Seconded by Shawn Winslow” it should be corrected to “Seconded by Sean Winslow”.

The minutes passed with consent.

**Business Arising from the Minutes – Southside Schools Report**

We have the Southside Schools Ernst & Young Report. Discussion about public comments made.

Superintendent report on Effective Use of Schools and Sustainability of Schools to be received by DEC members in January 2017. If inclined and as a DEC, January would be the time to study the sustainability of Kingsclear Consolidated School, but it is not out of order to start now. Kingsclear Consolidated School will be a trigger school for consideration in May, 2017.

There was an inquiry around whether there would be any change to school dynamics with the roll out of French Immersion. The response was that that the biggest consideration would be French Immersion (FI) at Montgomery Street Elementary School at grade 1 and 2, FI at Connaught Street Elementary School at grades 3-5 continuing but that is for consideration in the future, depending on recommendation and steps to be taken. As of today, FI is not offered at Montgomery Street Elementary School, but it is offered at Connaught. As of today, FI is not offered at Kingsclear. The Superintendent advised that the decision on FI is guided by Policy 309, Section 6.4. Right now the District has started the process of gathering enrolment information to help inform program decisions.

**Motion 3: Begin a sustainability study on Kingsclear Consolidated School to be completed by April 2017.**

**Moved by:** Jane Buckley  
**Seconded by:** Terry Pond

Reason is due to the Southside report and timing, the report from the province should be out before the sustainability is done. It gets us started on what could potentially be a lot of work in the future. Concern from Councilor Hogan as to whether we had all information. Response by Councilor Buckley that at the last meeting we passed a motion regarding Hanwell. To begin tonight allows the DEC to have an earlier start to allow us to finish by April 2017. This takes into consideration scheduling of three required meetings. Councilor Noel stated the timeline does allow us to finish in April 2017 even if a motion is done in January 2017. There is concern that no data has been provided by Superintendent at this point as it will be done in January 2017 in accordance with the planning cycle. It is at this time that Council would have information to make the decision. There is concern that assumptions are being made if we made the motion tonight instead of waiting until after the presentation in January 2017. Councilor Noel indicated he is not for the motion at this time and should wait.

The Superintendent added that in conducting the study there would be three (3) possible outcomes: (1) status quo, (2) significant investment or (3) closure recommendation. We saw this in McAdam as an example. It was noted that, at some point, DEC will need to decide if they are conducting a study that is dependent upon approval of Hanwell construction or not?

**Motion Defeated.**

### **Business Arising from the Minutes – French Immersion**

The Superintendent updated the DEC on the parent meetings. The most recent had approximately 54 in attendance. There are four (4) more meetings in the next few weeks. Staff is working with EECD to implement the program as smoothly as possible. The important task now is to determine numbers of students for the programs.

The DEC Chair shared that she attended a Forum. The Minister responded to an inquiry that he was confident in moving ahead. There was an inquiry as to what the level of confidentiality is at such a Forum. The response was that it should be considered confidential unless told to share.

Another Forum on how to deliver French language instruction at the elementary level was held. It was a brainstorming session and the afternoon session was a different format. Concern was expressed regarding DEC not being able to attend the afternoon discussions. A Councilor stated that an apology from EECD is expected.

A Councilor expressed concern about the transportation situation.

The Chair clarified that attendance at the forum was as a DEC member not as the DEC chair.

A separate concern by a Councilor was expressed about how the forum was handled by EECD as they turned around and stated this is how we are going to do things. Another Councilor made reference to the fact that it was a campaign promise from the election, ie. a political decision rather than a consultation on the issue.

**Action:** DEC Chair will take that to the next DEC Chair Forum.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes – Leo Hayes High School Catchment Area Review – Update**

Two (2) of three (3) public meetings are done and the last one (1) is next week. The third public meeting is at LHHS on November 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

**Action:** The Superintendent will prepare a report for next public DEC meeting on December 8, 2016. The plan is for the DEC to reflect on the recommendations and a decision should be made in January (stick with original motion or revise the plan).

### **New Business - Busing**

Last week's announcement stated that the province withdrew its application in the courts. It was indicated that the decision lies with the DEC and any further decisions would be made at this level. There has been considerable media attention on this issue.

There can ASD-W discussion with staff to discuss the possibilities, options, pros and con's, and numbers. A discussion among DEC should also occur. Based on those two conversations, a decision and discussion with the two (2) Francophone Districts surrounding the four (4) impacted communities could follow.

A Councilor made an inquiry about notification to DEC in advance. The Chair response was that it was minimal. The Councilor expects an apology from EECD.

A concern that clarification is needed as to whether it should be District or DEC first given it is now a DEC responsibility. Response by DEC Chair that some things such as budget go directly to District staff.

Superintendent stated it may not hurt to reach out and prepare a joint communication but there is uncertainty about operational and DEC role.

Discussion around the status of the policy, Policy 514 Pupil Transportation Management. Highlights of the policy were shared.

There was a suggestion regarding passing a motion giving direction to the Superintendent or to make a policy giving direction. DEC will discuss further.

#### **New Business – Added Item**

DEC Chair read into minutes the motion passed during the in-camera session:

**Motion 4: I move that, pursuant to paragraph 5.4 of the Councilor’s Code of Conduct, a complaint dated November 3, 2016, shall be referred to Tamara Nichol for consideration, investigation and review, followed by a report to Council in accordance with paragraph 5.4 of the Code.**

**Moved by:** Miriam Grant

**Seconded by:** Heather Hogan

**Motion passed In-camera.**

#### **New Business – Committee Work – Travel Policy**

Seeking names for those interested in being on the Travel Policy Committee – Councilors Sean Winslow, Mark Noël, Wallace Carr, Stephanie Haslam and Andrew Corey offered.

#### **New Business - Committee for Healthy Fundraising**

The scope of the committee was explained. Policy 711 is being reviewed but not part of DEC work.

Terry Pond can contact or send his name on to continue serving on the Healthy Fundraising Committee.

#### **Superintendent Monitoring Reports –**

##### **Superintendent Report (1 of 2) – ASD-W-ER-2: Academic Excellence.**

Introduction of District Staff in attendance.

Highlights from the report:

- Reported on twice per year. Current priorities include 2012-2016 NB3 Focus (Literacy, Numeracy, Science). We need to take into account the Provincial 10 Year Education Plan and the District Improvement



Plan (DIP, 3 year plan that ends in 2017). The DIP has a monitoring committee as does the Positive Learning and Working Environment Plan (PLWEP). These two plans are posted publically also.

- Professional learning is noted in the report. An appendix speaks to the initiatives.
- With the new 10 Year Education Plan came a Priority Unit and priorities identified as Literacy and Numeracy in primary grades. Additional leads in this area and other areas are also highlighted.
- Education Support Services, Formative Assessment, report cards, school reviews, partnerships, achievement data sharing...these were all high lights in the report. All achievement reports are available online.
- The report included appendices with DIP, initiatives and points of interest, report cards, and assessment summaries.

#### Presentation: PowerPoint - Assessment Results.

**Action:** Priority Unit Champion to follow up information on criteria for what defines “close” to target in response to an inquiry by Councilor Sean Winslow. It was stated there is a cut point that reflects a range.

Inquiry made about a steady decline from students at a high level. The best way to learn how students are doing is to analyze school based data.

When it comes to the teacher – the authority rests with the School Administrator with respect to a change in teaching assignment. A change from one school to another would be at the District level and in line with the Collective Agreement.

There was an inquiry by a Councilor about the statement of “having more teachers on the front line...”, What does that mean? The response by Superintendent was that all positions are put in place by a formula and we have competent, qualified leaders supporting teachers.

#### Superintendent Monitoring Reports –

#### Superintendent Report (1 of 2) – ASD-W-ER-7: Academic Support for Students involved in the Potato Harvest

Highlights from the report include:

- Fifth year of existence of this program.
- Registration occurs in April.
- Number of participants’ data provided. 53 this past year.
- Revised the tracking system for coding students attending the harvest, and noted there is a bank of supply teachers to support.
- Follow up meeting in December 2016 and a student focus group will be confirmed for January 2017.
- Appendix includes recommendations from staff
- DEC had a sub-committee and provided a report with recommendations and some accomplished in part or in full.
- Appendices reviewed – letter, registration form, staff recommendations for DEC policy, feedback from DEC sub-committee, and final report.
- Amendments to DEC policy will require a motion but information is there for review.
- Figures only reflect the data of those participating with a loss of instructional time. Others may be participating in other ways (outside instructional time).
- Response to inquiry from Councilor regarding cost was that the cost to the District is only the supply days. To date only 8 days used @ approx. \$250 per day. Students are being compensated as employees.

#### Correspondence – Outgoing and Incoming

Incoming Correspondence from Geary Elementary School and Bath Community School. Both dealt with operational matters so redirected to Superintendent.

**Closing Comments**

DEC Chair advised that Darrah Beaver has been appointed as the First Nations Representative for DEC.

A Councilor shared a concern that with the size of the District there were hopes that there would be two (2) representatives; recognize that it is what was designated.

**Public Comments**

Sean Kilfoil, PSSC Chair for Bath Community School, along with Vice Chair and Past Chair in attendance at public meeting. Mr. Kilfoil expressed a hope that the scope of the major capital construction project could be shared.

The superintendent intention is to write to PSSC tomorrow, but will share now. There was a major capital construction project for K-8 Bath approved last year. On an annual basis, the Legislative Assembly makes that announcement in December and January for approved projects for the next year. We have to wait patiently for that announcement in the Legislature. The province knows that this school is considered a high priority for Council. That is where we are in terms of sharing information at this particular time.

Response that PSSC is anxious to be able share information with the community.

Mr. Kilfoil was advised that there is nothing the District can formally share with PSSC or Public at this time. As soon as we know, the District can send information to DEC.

Scott Oakes spoke and referenced that it was 17 months since last met. Does not seem to be the expansion that was asked for. Somewhere along the line the language changed from "expansion" to "renovations". Curious about into change in language.

Superintendent responded that there is nothing to read into with respect to a change in language. The DEC has put forward a major capital request as a priority and through a motion. It is in the hands in government now. DEC showed tremendous support, as did the community.

**Date for Next Public DEC Meeting**

Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Fredericton Education Centre.

**Adjournment**

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Kimberley Douglass  
Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

Dec 8, 2016  
Date

Karen Morton  
Karen Morton for Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC

Dec. 16, 2016.  
Date