



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

**Thursday, December 14, 2017  
Fredericton Education Centre**

**Council Members Present:**

- Tanya Adams – SD 01
- Andy Saunders – SD 02
- Heather Hogan – SD 03
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- Stephanie Haslam – SD 06
- Terry Pond – SD 07
- Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair
- Kimberley Douglass – SD 10 – Chair
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11
- Wallace Carr – SD 12
- Mark Noël – SD 13

**Council Member Regrets:**

- Sean Winslow – SD 08

**ASD-W District Staff Present:**

- Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent
- Susan Young, Data and Accountability Supervisor
- Wayne Annis, Director of Schools – FEC
- Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools - WEC
- Jason Humphrey, Director of Communications (going)
- Judy Cole, Director of Communications (coming)
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and District Education Council

**Guests:**

- Rob Fowler, Chair, District Education Council, ASD-S
- Daniel Gilles, District Education Council, ASD-S
- Matthew Stainforth, NMES PSSC
- Darren MacKenzie, Deputy Mayor of Hanwell

**Vacancies:**

- Vacant – Student Representative
- Vacant – First Nations

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

- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM and she welcomed everyone to the public meeting at the Fredericton Education Centre. Kimberley acknowledged that this meeting was held on unceded Wolastoqiyik territory, as well as, all 69 schools in Anglophone West School District.
- Councilor Douglass made the public aware of correspondence that she had forwarded to the six First Nation Communities in ASD-W requesting First Nation representation on the District Education Council. Since then, Councilor Douglass had received recommendations and names of those interested in serving from the First Nation communities. A name had been selected by the Council and this name will be forwarded to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development for his approval.

**Consent Items:**

**Approval of the Agenda – December 14, 2017**

- The agenda was reviewed and an additional agenda item called Hanwell School correspondence was added under *New Business* concerning the Hanwell School situation. With this addition, the agenda was approved by consensus

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – November 16, 2017**

- The November 16, 2017 minutes were approved by consensus as presented.

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Councilor Hogan reported she had attended a Provincial Curriculum meeting the previous week. Additional information will be shared as soon as possible. Councilor Hogan stated she was waiting for the minutes to be approved before sharing content. A meeting on student competencies will be held in Fredericton the following week, which she plans on attending.

**Success Stories:**

- Councilors read stories from their area schools. These success stories will be saved to the District Education Council portal and also shared with the public on the ASD-W website.

**Correspondence – Outgoing and Incoming:**

- Chairperson Douglass forwarded a survey to District Education Councilors, Principals and Parent School Support Committee's as part of The 10 Year Education Plan, Objective 6 - Stakeholder Engagement. Councilors were to complete this survey and encourage their Parent School Support Committees to also complete the survey. A copy of this survey was also shared with Anglophone School District South.
- Correspondence was received to announce that the Carleton North High School and Woodstock High School mid-life upgrades were to be studied. Councilor Hogan asked if solar panels like the ones at Fredericton High School (FHS) were part of this mid-life upgrade project. It was confirmed that FHS solar panels were a pilot project by the Department of Infrastructure and not the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. **ACTION:** Kimberley Douglass would send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to enquire if solar panels will be part of the upgrade.



**New Business:**

- Councilor Haslam acknowledged correspondence received by the Hanwell School Committee from the Deputy Minister of Education advising them to continue to work with their District Education Council for a new school. Councilor Haslam expressed her disappointment with this correspondence. Councilor Buckley confirmed that once the DEC makes a recommendation as they did with LHHS technical wing as #1 and the Hanwell School as #2, the sole responsibility lies then with the Province of New Brunswick. The Council discussed this communication and that they were disappointed with the correspondence and recommendation made to the Hanwell School Committee. Councilor Douglass confirmed that the District Education Council was not included in this correspondence.
- Chairperson Douglass spoke to a question asked by the Connaught Street School Parent School Support Committee about Professional Development dates in ASD-W. Councilor Douglass confirmed that these dates were Provincial initiatives. If Councilors were being approached by their Parent School Support Committees about Professional Development dates, a recommendation was made for them to bring this information back to the Council for a further discussion.

**Acting Superintendent Monitoring Report:**

- **ASD-W-ER2: Academic Excellence** - the Superintendent presented a report called **ASD-W-ER2: Academic Excellence** as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is provided twice per year and is also posted publicly on the ASD-W website.
- A discussion was had about Provincial Assessment Results released in time for the December report. Councillor Noël requested to go on record as saying that these assessment results needed to be released to District Education Councils earlier by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and he requested that communication of such needed to be sent from the Council. **ACTION:** Councillor Douglass will communicate this request to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Councillor Hogan added that Teachers collect data on a daily basis and they are using the curriculum provided by the Province. Therefore, Provincial Assessments are only one piece of the puzzle.
- Graduates are given an opportunity to provide feedback as part of their exit survey. From these exit surveys, 42% expressed difficulty in learning as a result of disruptive behaviours in the classroom. The Acting Superintendent made the Council aware of Senior Management discussing disruption in the classroom and that they were working towards support for schools and Administrators in strengthening this area of concern.
- Chairperson Douglass advised the Council that if they would like to have a report from the Superintendent that included the Provincial Assessment information, then they may need to consider delaying this report until a later time in the school year.

**Committee Reports:**

- The Policy Committee advised of no meeting held in the month of December. However, they will come together in January 2018 to continue their work. This committee is comprised of Councillor Noël, Councillor Haslam, Councillor Carr and Councillor Winslow.
- The District Health Advisory Committee (DHAC) were provided with Councillor Pond's name as a District Education Council representative. There was no report to discuss as this meeting was cancelled in December. However, on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> is the re-scheduled date for this committee.

**Public Comments:**

- Darren MacKenzie, Deputy Mayor, Village of Hanwell, commented about his surprise to a letter that they had received from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development advising them to go back to the District Education Council for a new school in their area. A poster in support of a new school in the Hanwell area was provided electronically to the Council by the Hanwell Committee. At a later date, the Council would support contacting the Department of Education and Early Education Development with a review of their recommendations for a technical wing at Leo Hayes High School as their #1 priority and a new school as priority #2.

**Closing Comments:**


- A motion made to accept the goals as shown on the screen at the November public meeting was moved by Councillor Saunders and Seconded by Councillor Noël.

**Date for Next Public Meeting:**


- The next public meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Woodstock Education Centre


**Adjournment:**

- The public meeting was moved to be adjourned at 7:40 PM by Councillor Buckley.

  
Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

  
Date

  
Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC

  
Date