



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES

Thursday, November 16, 2017
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
- Kimberley Douglass – SD 10 – Chair
- Mark Noël – SD 13

Council Member Regrets:

- Tanya Adams – SD 01
- Jane Buckley – SD 09 - Vice Chair
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11
- Wallace Carr – SD 12
- Darrah Beaver - First Nations

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent
- Jason Humphrey, Director of Communications
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC Secretary

Vacant Position:

- Student Representative

Guest:

- Media (1)
- Darren McKenzie, Hanwell Road representative

Call to Order / Comments by the Chair:

- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and she welcomed everyone to the public meeting at the Woodstock Education Centre. Kimberley also acknowledged that this meeting was held on unceded Wolastoqiyik territory and that our schools operate on this territory as well.

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda – November 16, 2017

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – October 19, 2017

- The minutes were approved by consensus.

Correspondence – Outgoing and Incoming

- An e-mail from an ASD-W School Teacher, Gail Costello was shared with the committee. This letter made the committee aware of a recent loss of a LGBTQ student and for the District Education Council to consider implementing a Mental Health Policy. In addition to this correspondence, a letter was shared from the Leo Hayes High School Parent School Support Committee requesting a Healthy School Policy, Mental Health Policy, and a policy addressing the needs of the LGBTQ community.
- It was noted that the District Education Council address educational issues on a district level with the Superintendent. It is then the responsibility of the Superintendent to monitor and ensure the Council's expectations and goals are being met and reports are provided to the Council from the Superintendent. The District Education Council's policies are governance policies and not operational, as this is the role of the Superintendent through her staff and district policies. It is the belief of the Council, there may be a misunderstanding of who should be developing a Mental Health Policy. Chairperson Kimberley Douglass confirmed that the development of a Mental Health Policy is the role of the District Education Council. The Superintendent's role is to monitor and report back to the Council of how the district is implementing this policy. **ACTION:** Chairperson Kimberley Douglass shared her intent to respond to the LHHS PSSC Chairperson to make their committee aware that the Council has been looking at the Healthy Living Policy.
- Chairperson Kimberley Douglass shared that an invitation had been given to Eric DeYoung to attend a District Education Council working meeting in January 2018 to present to the Council of why he feels a specific LGBTQ policy should be established in ASD-W.
- The Acting Superintendent shared correspondence that she had received a letter from a parent requesting a LGBTQ policy be implemented in ASD-W. Chairperson Kimberley Douglass responded that this was the role of the Council with the Superintendent monitoring and reporting back to the Council of how this policy was being implemented.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- The District Education Council reviewed their 1 and 3 year goals as previously discussed in September 2017.

2017-18 Goals

1. To develop a School Health Policy using as a basis the current School Culture and Healthy Living, (including Mental Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity) policies; ASD-W-ER3 and ASD-W-ER5.
2. To develop a goal on learning using the Academic Excellence Policy ASD-W-ER2 and align this policy with the 10 Year Education Plan. It was noted that a motion may be passed tonight to remove Quality High School Program - Policy ASD-W-ER6 and the Academic Support for Students Involved in the Potato Harvest Program - ASD-W-ER7. Therefore, this goal will focus on the Academic Excellence Policy ASD-W-ER2 only.
3. Councilor Terry Pond, asked if another goal could be considered to include student representation on the District Education Council so that a student voice can be heard. A discussion was had on how we could accommodate a student to participate in Council meetings in Anglophone West School District. Councilor Terry Pond read why he felt a student voice was needed and he moved the following motion:

MOTION:

.....I move that the ASD-W District Education Council develop a process so that the ASD-W District Education Council can hear a "student voice" through a variety of means (forums, student presentations to Council and other creative means) and act and vote on policies with an awareness of ideas and concerns of the students of our district. Therefore, to comply with the mandate of the Education Act.

Moved by: Terry Pond

Seconded by: Stephanie Haslam

- Councilor Mark Noël added that to include a student voice and to act on policies should be included in the motion, but strike the part that allows a student representative to vote on policies as the ability to have one student attend all meetings may need to change.

AMMENDMENT:

.....I move that ASD-W DEC develop a process so that the ASD-W District Education Council can hear a "student voice" through a variety of means (forums, student presentations to Council and other creative means) so the District Education Council can act and vote on policies with an awareness of ideas and concerns of the students of district. Therefore, to comply with the mandate of the Education Act. This motion would approve Goal # 3 of the 2017-2018 District Education Council goals.

Moved by: Terry Pond

Seconded by: Stephanie Haslam

Motion Carried

- A discussion and a review of the 2017-2018 goals was had by the Council. Consensus was given that goal #1 was near completion and goal #2 should now be the focus.

MOTION:

.....That we accept goal #1 as shown on the screen, removing ASD-W-ER3 and ASD-W-ER5 as our 2nd approved goal for this year.

Moved by: Andy Saunders

Seconded by: Mark Noël

Motion Carried

Long Term (3 Year) Goals

1. Policies Review
 - Currently the Policies are being reviewed, so this long term goal will be completed soon.
2. Develop a PSSC/Community Engagement Model
 - Councilor Heather Hogan recommended speaking to PSSC would be a valid goal.
3. Complete the Policy Governance Training and preparing the model for future District Education Councilors.

- Councilor Mark Noël recommended that the 2017-2018 and the 3 Year Goals be added to the agenda for a discussion at every meeting.

MOTION:

.....To adopt these three Long Term goals as shown on the screen for the District Education Council.

Moved by: Andy Saunders Seconded by: Faith Kennedy Motion Carried

Policy Review:

- Councilor Sean Winslow spoke on behalf of the Policy Committee's recent review of; Council Staff Relations, Executive Limitations and Governance Process policies. A handout showing the policies that was reviewed and revised was provided.

MOTION:

..... I move to have the revised Council Staff Relations policies; ASD-W-CSR 1 Authority of the Superintendent/Single Point of Contact, ASD-W-CSR 1.1 Unity of Control, ASD-W-CSR 1.2 Delegation of the Superintendent, ASD-W-CSR 1.3 Superintendent Performance and Accountability and ASD-W-CSR 1.4 Monitoring District Performance approved.

Moved by: Sean Winslow Seconded: Andy Saunders Motion Carried

MOTION:

.....I move to have the revised Ends Results policies; ASD-W-ER 2 Mission, Vision and Core Values, ASD-W-ER 2.1 Academic Excellence, ASD-W-ER 2.2 School Culture, ASD-W-ER 2.3 Healthy Living, Mental Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity approved.

Moved by Sean Winslow Seconded by Miriam Grant Motion Carried

- Councilor Sean Winslow continued to explain that policy ASD-W-ER6 Quality High School Program and policy ASD-W-ER7 Potato Harvest Program are already implemented in the system, they are programs not policies, and operational. Therefore, these policies need to be removed from the District Education Council policies.

MOTION:

.....I move to remove the ASD-W-ER 6 Quality High School Program and ASD-W-ER 7 Academic Support for Students Involved in the Potato Harvest from the District Education Council policies.

Moved by: Sean Winslow Seconded: Terry Pond Motion Carried

Committee Reports

- Councilor Heather Hogan informed the Council of her involvement in the Provincial Curriculum Committee and the upcoming meeting in December. Councilor Hogan hopes to have a report from this meeting to bring back to the Council in January 2018.
- Councilor Kimberley Douglass informed the Council of her involvement in a Provincial Committee for Indigenous Education - Objective 6/ Reconciliation. This committee meets three times per year and would include Donna White, First Nations Subject Coordinator and Kendra Broad, First Nations Subject Coordinator.

New Business:

- The District Health Advisory Committee (DHAC) has requested for a District Education Councilor to be an active part of their committee. A discussion was had and the following motion was moved.

MOTION

.....I move that Councilor Terry Pond be appointed to the District Health Advisory Committee (DHAC).

Moved by: Heather Hogan Seconded by: Andy Saunders Motion Carried

MOTION

..... I move that an alternate to this committee be Councilor Faith Kennedy

Moved by: Heather Hogan Seconded by: Sean Winslow Motion Carried

- The First Nation District Education Council's seat was discussed as not being represented. Therefore, Councilor Mark Noël moved the following motion.

MOTION

..... I move that First Nation Councilor (*D. Beaver*) has failed to attend three regular meetings in a twelve month period without cause accordance to the Education act Sec 36.7(4) (e) and accordingly this position is consider vacant. Be it further resolved that the minister appoint a person to fill the vacant position for the balance of the term in accordance with the Education Act sec 36.7 (9)

Moved by: Mark Noël Seconded by: Terry Pond Motion Carried

- This motion was declared to be considered as not being harsh but that we needed to fill this position. A letter will be written to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development requesting that the position be declared vacant. Communication will be sent to the First Nation communities of this vacancy and any names should be brought forward

School Success Stories

- Success stories from schools in ASD-W were shared by the Councilor for that area. Councilors were asked what they would like to see happen to these stories and it was determined that the DEC Portal and the ASD-W website house these stories for everyone to see.

Public Comments


- Hanwell Road representative, Darren MacKenzie, discussed the unfortunate release of Capital Budget with the top two District Education Council requests being ignored. It was discussed as a potential election issue. The council was also disappointed and encouragement was given to the Mayor of Hanwell and Darren MacKenzie for their hard work and efforts.
- Darren MacKenzie and the Council both expressed their sadness when they learned about the recent loss of former students from Oromocto High School.

Closing Comments

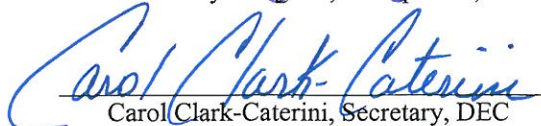
- There will not be a working meeting in December 2017.
- Councilor Sean Winslow made the council aware of his upcoming absence at the December 2017 Public meeting.


Misc.

- Date of next Meeting: **Thursday, December 14, 2017 at the Fredericton Education Centre**
- The meeting was adjourned at **7:46 PM.**


Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC


Date


Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC


Date