



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL**

MINUTES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

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
- Sean Winslow – SD 08
- Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair
- Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Chair
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11
- Wallace Carr – SD 12
- Thomas Gerburt – SD 13

Council Member Regrets:

- Tanya Adams – SD 01
- Terry Pond – SD 07
- David Perley – First Nations

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Karen Morton, Director of Human Resources
- Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools - WEC
- Judy Cole, Director of Communications
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and District Education Council

Guests:

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

Vacancies:

- Student 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 District Education Council meeting held at the Woodstock Education Centre. Chairperson Douglass also acknowledged that this DEC meeting was held on unceded Wolastoqey territory.
- Kimberley Douglass welcomed Thomas Gerburt as the new Councilor for Sub-district 13 in Anglophone West School District
- Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent, provided introductions of district staff in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda – March 21, 2019

- The agenda was reviewed by the Council and approved as presented by consent.

Approval of the Minutes – February 21, 2019

- The minutes were reviewed by the Council and approved as presented by consent.

Presentations:

- Shawn Tracey presented a summary outlining the Ed Specs for the new Hanwell School. Planning meetings have begun with an anticipated opening in 2022. Shawn touched on the new designs and features of this new school bringing the building into the new century. The size of this school will be 10,780 M square that will house 650 students in grades Kindergarten to Grade 8. The functional capacity is 72% with more classrooms than the newly built Meduxnekeag Consolidated and Townsview Schools. The new school will be built in the village of Hanwell with the location yet to be announced. This summary and full report are saved on the DEC portal for Councilors to review. Included in the planning is the playground project which includes the equipment and outside play area for students.

MOTION

.....To approve the Educational Specs for the new Hanwell School.

Moved By: Wallace Carr

Seconded By: Andrew Corey

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from the Pervious Minutes

- There was no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence

- A letter had been received from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development requesting Councilors review their sub-district in Anglophone West School District.
- A letter had been received by the Deputy Minister of Education regarding a French Immersion survey and a request for Councilor to respond to this survey, with additional comments sent to the Deputy Minister. A comment was made for all schools in ASD-W to be privy to the French Immersion Program and support of the recommendations made by the Auditor General to not make changes when the party changes.

New Business

- Councilor Douglass informed everyone that Councilor Stephanie Haslam, Sub-district 6 will be leaving this position to explore new adventures and a heartfelt thank you was given to Stephanie for her dedication to the Council and her PSSC. **ACTION:** The Acting Superintendent was asked to reach out to Principals in this area for interest in being an appointed Councilor.
- DEC Sub-districts were discussed with no changes needed at this time.
- Spring Symposium Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) names has been selected and notified. A waiting lists has been established for those not chosen to be paid by the DEC. PSSC can send a member using their PSSC funds. ASD-W presentation will be Science this year.

Superintendent Monitoring Report:

- **ASD-W-EL2: Staff Treatment** – Karen Morton, Director of Human Resources, presented a report called **ASD-W-EL2: Staff Treatment** as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented one time per year and is posted publically on the ASD-W website. Moving forward in this new form of reporting, previous years will be reflected in this presentations new format. It was note that the comparison of different parts of government being Part III the largest, Part II is following then Part I.
- **ASD-W-EL4: Budgeting/Forecasting (fourth quarter)** - Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration, presented a report called **ASD-W-EL4: Budgeting/Forecasting** as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented four times per year and is posted publically on the ASD-W website. Shawn reported a zero budget remaining from a 2.2 million opening balance for the 2019-2020 school year. Deficits were shown in staffing for additional Educational Assistants needed, however, a surplus in other budget lines, offset this additional costs.

Committee Reports:

- Kimberley acknowledged the committee work done by Stephanie Haslam and our appreciation for her work.
- Wallace reported of a recent meeting held with students from seven high schools across ASD-W. Moving forward, Skype will be used to facilitate these meetings to hear the voices of students.
- No report was given from the Indigenous Policy Committee. Clarification is needed on how we legally report unceded and unsundered territory and how we identify the Indigenous people.
- Policy Committee has no updates to provide but Sean noted that two action items are outstanding on the
- Heather Hogan reported that the Curriculum Committee had no report to give at this time as a spring meeting is still pending.

Public Comments:

- Darren McKenzie thanked the Council for approving the Ed Specs for the new Hanwell School. The Village of Hanwell has approved substantial funds to support a new playground (\$200,000.00), a basket ball court (\$30, 000.00) and pickle ball court (\$50,000.00)

Closing Comments:

- Chairperson Douglass thanked everyone for attending the public District Education Council meeting.

Date for Next Public Meeting:

- The next Public DEC Meeting will be held at the Woodstock Education Centre on **Thursday, April 25, 2019.**

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at **7:35 p.m.**

Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

Date

Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC

Date