



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

**Thursday, May 23, 2019**

**Woodstock Education Centre**

**Council Members Present:**

- Andy Saunders – SD 02
- Heather Hogan – SD 03
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- Sean Winslow – SD 08
- Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11
- Wallace Carr – SD 12 (by Lync from Winnipeg)
- Thomas Geburt – SD 13

**Council Member Regrets:**

- Tanya Adams – SD 01
- Terry Pond – SD 07
- David Perley – First Nation
- Kimberley Douglass – SD 10 - Chair

**ASD-W District Staff Present:**

- Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent
- Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Judy Cole, Director of Communications
- Judy McIsaac, Administrative Assistant to Director of Schools

**Guests: 1 staff member, 1 member of the press**

**Vacancies:**

- Student Representative
- SD 06 Representative

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

- Jane Buckley, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the District Education Council meeting held at the Woodstock Education Centre. She thanked staff for attending. Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent, provided introductions of district staff in attendance: Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration; Judy Cole, Director of Communications, and Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools.

**Approval of the Agenda – May 23, 2019**

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

**Approval of the Minutes – May 2, 2019**

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

**Presentations:**

**Capital Improvement Projects and Major Capital Construction Projects**

Shawn Tracey presented his report on the 2020-2021 Multi-Year Infrastructure Plan and Capital Improvements.

- 33 projects proposed
- Policy 409 – Council will have access to snapshot of information of all 69 schools by May 31<sup>st</sup>, which will be useful in studies under Policy 409
- Major Capital Priorities – Task for Council to decide if these are in proper order. Shawn Tracey will send a letter to Tony Webber, EECD, identifying what the DEC recommends as the order of priority for capital improvement
- Chipman/Minto – EECD will be asked for building assessment to see if the buildings are suitable for changes. Architectural assessments are needed to be sure this is feasible.
- Leo Hayes High School shop and skilled trades – This school is a p3 school, leased from a third party, and not owned by the province. The government has renewed the lease rather than purchase it, so it is more complicated to make renovations and changes.

**ACTION:** Council needs to evaluate and prioritize this list of major plans and improvements.

- Future midlife studies:  
Nashwaaksis Middle School – Approximately a million dollars' worth of work is being done this summer. There are 3 partners involved in the running of the gym.  
Kingsclear Consolidated School – Needs are to be determined.
- Future Feasibility Studies for consideration include Plaster Rock and McAdam catchment areas.
- Future Sustainability Studies – Florenceville Elementary and Florenceville Middle School, as well as Bristol Elementary are on the radar for future studies.

- Bath Community School – Its future depends on the results of the request for more money to complete the current project. It is open to reconfiguration of grades if the Province does not decide to continue with mid-life project. In the future, it could be included with the Policy 409 studies of the CNHS catchment area.

**Discussions:**

- Leo Hayes High School – It was questioned whether LHHS should be included on the list. It will be included to bring it to the government's attention that changes are necessary. Councillor Thomas Geburt suggested it be included in the letter from Shawn Tracey to Tony Webber.

At the Spring Symposium there was discussion about trades, but the Minister was non-committal about trades at high school, suggesting that apprenticeships and current arrangements with other schools were sufficient. There are currently several portables at Leo Hayes but these are not safe for technology / trades training. There have been minor changes to the catchment area but not enough to meet all of the current student needs. In response to a question about the dropout rate at Leo Hayes High, the Superintendent will request that information.

Councillor Jane Buckley suggested the DEC need to make waves to encourage the government to build technology wings onto the school. The district has put bussing in place and made some opportunities available for students, but this is not sustainable and not available to everyone. The DEC need to make it public that we are interested and trying to make arrangements for a technology wing to be added, as there is a demand for trades people. Can accommodations be made for students wanting to take these courses? The DEC can advocate that trades courses are important and necessary. Parents can advocate as well.

Councillor Andy Saunders commented that there is no need to change the order of priorities as suggested by Shawn Tracey, but emphasized that everything is important.

It was suggested that a separate letter be written from the DEC to Tony Webber to encourage the Leo Hayes High School Technology wing addition, with copies to the PSSC.

**MOTION:**

... I move that the list of major capital priorities, as suggested by Shawn Tracey, be approved.

**Moved By: Thomas Geburt**

**Seconded By: Sean Winslow**

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising From the Previous Minutes:**

- Sub-District 06 Vacancy – A letter of recommendation has gone to the Minister - no reply received to date.

**Correspondence – Outgoing and Incoming:**

- N/A

**New Business:**

- **Policy 409 – Multi Year Infrastructure Planning:**  
Each study requires 3 meetings be held.

**MOTION:**

... I move that Policy 409 studies be done on the six Oromocto Schools, plus the Burton School, beginning in September 2019. Four studies should be completed by December 2019 – Assiniboine, Hubbard, Ridgeview and Burton. Three studies should begin in January 2020 – Gesner, Summerhill and Harold Peterson.

**Moved By: Thomas Geburt**

**Seconded By: Andy Saunders**

**Motion Carried**

Councillor Andy Saunders noted that he would also like to see the CNHS catchment area studied as well, realizing not everything could be done at the same time.

- **Indigenous Education DEC Policy:**

Councillor Heather Hogan spoke to this draft policy. It is the Superintendent's job to interpret this policy.

**MOTION:**

... I move that the Indigenous Education DEC Policy be adopted as a living document, which can be amended in the fall.

**Moved By: Heather Hogan**

**Seconded By: Faith Kennedy**

**Motion Carried**

**Superintendent Monitoring Report:**

**Superintendent Report – ASD-W-ER 2.2: School Culture**

Acting Superintendent, Catherine Blaney, reported that the goal is to increase school connectedness with a target increase of 3% over a three year period. Priorities for the DEC include partnerships, celebrating success and student voice. Schools are working diligently, using a lot of in-school coaching, side by side with teachers. This has a better impact than taking teachers out of the building for PD sessions.

The district website showcases many events and awards. The website is updated weekly by Judy Cole, Director of Communications.

**Committee Reports:**

• **Student Voice**

Wallace Carr reported that this Committee met on May 9<sup>th</sup> with six schools participating by video chat. The topic of discussion was BECD Policy 711: *Healthier School Food Environment*, Policy ASD-W-ER 4: *Sexual Identities and Gender Orientation*. The outcome was positive and they are looking forward to the next meeting in September. The topic will be mental health. This is viewed as a worthwhile initiative.

**Public Comments:**

Sean Winslow noted that Council member, David Perley, will receive an honorary doctorate of letters degree form UNB.

**Closing Comments:**

N/A

**Date for Next Public Meeting**

The next Public DEC Meeting will be held June 6, 2019 at the Fredericton Education Centre

**Adjournment:**

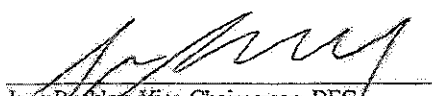
**MOTION:**

... I move that the DEC Meeting be adjourned.

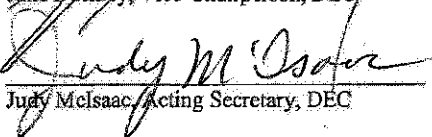
Moved By: Miriam Grant

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Carried

  
Jane Buckley, Vice-Chairperson, DEC

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Date

  
Judy McIsaac, Acting Secretary, DEC

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Date

*June 17, 2019*

**2018-2019 Goals-Pending Approved:**

1. Develop a DEC Wolastoqey Policy
2. Develop a goal on learning using the Academic Excellence Policy ASD-W-ER2 and align this policy with the 10 year Education Plan

**Long Term Goals:**

1. Continues Policy Monitoring
2. Develop a PSSC/Community Engagement Model
3. Complete the Policy Governance training, preparing the model for future District Education councils.