



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

**Thursday, November 22, 2018
Woodstock Education Centre**

Council Members Present:

- Tanya Adams – SD 01
- Andy Saunders – SD 02
- Heather Hogan – SD 03
- 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
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11
- Wallace Carr – SD 12
- David Perley – First Nations

Council Member Regrets:

- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Mark Noël – SD 13

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Judy Cole, Director of Communications
- Susan Young, Data and Accountability Supervisor
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and District Education Council

Guests:

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

Vacancies:

- Vacant – Student Representative

Call to Order / Comments by the Chair

- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., and she welcomed everyone to the District Education Council meeting in Woodstock. The Chairperson acknowledged that this meeting was held on unceded Wolastoqiyik territory and she recognized the ongoing and dedicated work of staff in our schools and indigenous schools with indigenous students.

Approval of the Agenda – November 22, 2018

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

Approval of the Minutes – October 18, 2018

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

Presentations:

- There were no presentations.

Business Arising from the Pervious Minutes

- Chairperson Douglass updated those in attendance of the work done by Council on Policy 409 – Multi-year Infrastructure Planning for four schools in the City of Fredericton. At this time, the Council have one final meeting remaining at Liverpool Street Elementary School. Forest Hill Elementary, Nashwaaksis Memorial School and McAdam Avenue School having both meetings completed. The Council asked for a review of the process should there be no presentations or attendance for the second meeting at Liverpool Street Elementary School. Kimberley confirmed that we continue as per the requirements outlined in Policy 409 with meeting #1 facilitated by district office where facts are presented about the school, meeting #2 where parents and stakeholders have an opportunity to present or ask questions and meeting #3 as the outcome meeting with the final decision and recommendation made by Council. If public attend and if council have questions, this can be asked at this meeting. The third meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at the Fredericton High School, Tom Morrison Theatre.

Correspondence

- Correspondence was received by Council from the Carleton North High School requesting to rename their school gymnasium. This letter had been written by the Parent School Support Committee Chairperson outlining the steps they have followed as per DEC Policy ASD-W-GP8, Appendix A, in pursuant to Policy 409, section 6.3.1 and 8.3 renaming of a schoolroom. The Council agreed that this DEC policy had been followed and the following motion had been moved.

MOTION:

.....That we allow for the renaming of the gymnasium at the Carleton North High School to be called the Iain Dunlop Gymnasium.

Moved By: Jane Buckley

Seconded By: Heather Hogan

MOTION CARRIED

- Correspondence had also been received by Council from the Bliss Carman Middle School requesting to rename their school gymnasium. Councilor Terry Pond informed the Council that he had attended a recent Parent School Support Committee at the Bliss Carman Middle School (BCMS) and the support shown in that school community for the gymnasium to be renamed after Mr. Harold Phalen who had been a long-time educator who continues to volunteer at BCMS after his retirement. Councilor Pond read a letter from the school PSSC Councilor Pond spoke of school locations that have been named after mentors, which is considered an important part of the school's history. Consensus was given that the naming of a schoolroom needed to be communicated to school administrators as some may not know that this opportunity exists.

MOTION:

.....That we allow for the renaming of the Bliss Carman Middle School gymnasium to be called the Harold Phalen Gymnasium.

Moved By: Terry Pond

Seconded By: Stephanie Haslam

MOTION CARRIED

- Correspondence was received from Bridgeview Plaza Corporation with a request to purchase land at the Hartland Community School (HCS). Councilor Hogan added that she had discussed this requests with Andy Clark, Principal of HCS and after speaking with him, they were comfortable with keeping approximately 200 feet along the driveway with the sloped land approved for sale. The Chairperson added that the funds from a Provincial property would be returned to the Province of NB. As there is only one person interested in this land, a public sale would not be necessary and that the individual would pay all costs at a fair market value. Should this individual back out from this deal, the property would remain with the school district.
- Councilor Corey requested to know where the well was located and the size of the parcel of land being considered for sale at the HCS. **ACTION:** Shawn Tracey will confirm the location of the well with the ASD-W Facilities Department and the size of land being considered for sale. Once this information is known, it will be reported back to the Council.
- Councilor Hogan informed the Council that this area was expected to be developed as a sub-division with all new homes, which could potentially increase the school community population. Heather added that there was a lot of land surrounding the Hartland Community School.

MOTION:

.....That we declare this land as surplus.

Moved By: Jane Buckley

Seconded By: Heather Hogan

MOTION DEFEATED

- Councilor Douglass acknowledged district staff in attendance tonight and she thanked them for travelling to Woodstock to attend the public DEC meeting.

New Business

- Catherine Blaney updated the Council of a survey that had been forwarded to stakeholders and school communities associated with ASD-W. The program used is called, "Thought Exchange", which is a communication tool that gathers data and ranks responses for presentations and future improvements. Catherine acknowledged that some participation was being reported, but with a reminder to School Administrators, who had included the survey details through their morning announcements, and a one-week extension, activity was increased substantially from students and members of the public. **ACTION:** The Council requested that the top five major issues be identified (theme), a description of participants, their school size and if located in a rural or urban area be reported back to them by the next public meeting on December 13, 2018.
- Catherine provided data on the number of Thought Exchange participants in a recent survey circulated; 90 students, 122 thoughts and 2670 rankings. Also, 494 adult participants, 651 thoughts and 18119 rankings.
- The Acting Superintendent, Councilor Pond, Councilor Haslam and Councilor Douglass attended a recent Student Leadership Conference in Fredericton. Feedback provided was that you could feel the energy and enthusiasm in the

room this year. Students asked very good questions in a positive and respectful manner. Top topics discussed were Sex Ed curriculum not delivered the same in all schools; the French Immersion program not advanced enough to support university courses and the Policy 711 changes that are affecting breakfast and other programs within schools.

- The Acting Superintendent and Councilor Douglass attended a Minister's Excellence in Education Awards night on Saturday, November 17th with this year's recipients; Susan Mabie, Principal at McAdam High School, Bev Loker-French, Principal at Hubbard Avenue Elementary School and Judy Anderson, Teacher at Nackawic High School being recognized. A video of the event will be available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website.

Superintendent Monitoring Report:

- **ASD-W-ER2.1: Academic Excellence** – Catherine Blaney presented a report called **ASD-W-ER2.1: Academic Excellence** as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented one time per year and is also posted publicly on the ASD-W website. School Report Card Monitoring and 2016-17 Provincial Assessment results were included in this report and reviewed by Council. Councilor Buckley identified minimum changes seen in data over the past 10 years and the impact of the inclusion program on the marks. Catherine added that it is a complex system and our goal is to do better moving forward. Catherine also reminded the Council to remember that this assessment is a one snapshot in time. A further discussion was had on the correlation of data, which includes many factors that need to be considered and questioned. Recognition was given to the many Educators today who teach a wide variety of learning needs. Councilor Hogan spoke on inclusion and the daily reporting done by teachers of a student's progress and growth. We are an inclusive system and a reminder was given that this report is a check-in for that moment in time.

Committee Reports:

- **The Policy 711 ADHOC Committee** reported to be placed on hold until December 13th meeting as further communication was needed.
- **The Policy Committee** had no further updates to provide.
- Councilor Terry Pond spoke on behalf of the **Student Voice Committee** and the following motion was moved.

MOTION:

..... I move that the DEC begin to implement, monitor and amend as necessary the following initiatives for getting student perspective on the decisions of this Council:

- Bi-monthly Skype meetings (or other suitable platform) between representatives of the DEC and various student leaders from across the district (i.e. student council presidents or an alternate).
- Student representatives from all High Schools will be invited; ensuring representation from each of the education center's including urban and rural schools.
- Student concerns/input will then be brought to the next DEC meeting as a standing agenda item.
- Thought Exchange (or other suitable platform) can also be used from time to time for ongoing input on specific issues.
- An annual conference with student leaders beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. This may be tied in with the annual student leadership conference or a working meeting of the DEC (possibly a weekend).

Moved By: Terry Pond

Seconded By: Stephanie Haslam

AMENDMENT TO BULLET 5:

- Explore having an annual conference with student leaders. This may be included with the annual student leadership conference or a working meeting of the DEC (possibly a weekend).

Moved By: Terry Pond

Seconded By: Stephanie Haslam

MOTION CARRIED

- Comments were made of improvements made to this initiative from the previous draft version. A recommendation was made for the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development review student involvement on a District Education Council.

Public Comments:

- The PSSC Chairperson from BCMS acknowledged his attendance to ensure a letter was received and read to rename the BCMS Gymnasium.

Closing Comments:

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date for Next Public Meeting:

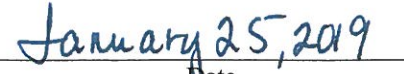
- The next Public DEC Meeting will be held at the **Office of the Superintendent on December 13, 2018.**

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Councilor Terry Pond at **8: 05 p.m.**



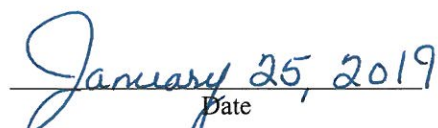
Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC



Date



Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC



Date