



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

**Thursday, October 18, 2018
Fredericton Education Centre**

Council Members Present:

- Andy Saunders – SD 02
- Heather Hogan – SD 03
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- Stephanie Haslam – SD 06
- Terry Pond – SD 07
- Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair
- Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Chair
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11
- Wallace Carr – SD 12

Council Member Regrets:

- Tanya Adams – SD 01
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Sean Winslow – SD 08
- Mark Noël – SD 13
- David Perley – First Nations

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Wayne Annis, Director of Schools - FEC
- Judy Cole, Director of Communications
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and District Education Council

Guests:

- Media (1)
- Approximate Members of the public (33)

Vacancies:

- Vacant – Student Representative

Call to Order / Comments by the Chair

- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and she welcomed everyone to the first public meeting for the 2018-2019 school year at the Fredericton Education Centre. The Chairperson acknowledged that this meeting was held on unceded Wolastoqiyik territory.

Approval of the Agenda – October 18, 2018

- The agenda, with the addition of DEC Laptops being added under New Business, was approved by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes – September 20, 2018

- The minutes were approved by consensus as presented.

Presentations:

CUPE 2745 – handouts were provided and a power point was provided

- Nathalie LeBlanc, Library Technician, CUPE 2745, presented a report called “Save our School Libraries”. Local 2745 represents approximately 4500 support staff across the Province of NB. The Workers Committee was formed to address reduction in hours and funding for school libraries. Councilor Saunders asked if School Libraries were included in the 10 Year Education Plan. Ms. LeBlanc did not know this information but did believe that they were linked to Literacy Plans. The Acting Superintendent confirmed that school libraries were not included in the 10 Year Education Plan but that they were indeed linked to Literacy Plans. The statistics slide was reviewed again and Councilor Saunders asked if space was available in all schools to house a library. Ms. LeBlanc advised that there was ways to achieve the expectations in the report, but not on 6 hours per week. Councilor Hogan asked if you see a need for Library training as an Educational Assistant can be in this role the following year. Ms. LeBlanc spoke of a Librarian II needing training/librarian course and a Librarian I has access to on-line training. Councilor Carr asked if librarians were assigned to more than one school. This is the case and it was also noted that some libraries, housed in schools are government public libraries.

Kingsclear Consolidated School – handout was provided

- The Kingsclear Consolidated School (KCS) PSSC Chairperson addressed the Council with a request to allow the French Immersion Program at KCS, which would then bring approximately 47 students back from the Garden Creek Elementary School (GCES). A request for portable classrooms were not approved for KCS by the district but GCES had two now on site. The PSSC Chairperson acknowledged that Fredericton was a growing city where housing development has increased in the GCES and KCS areas. In addition, a new daycare had been approved close to KCS and the Mactaquac refurbishment project should also be considered. KCS requested a catchment review but was denied as a recent study was completed by Ernst & Young as that KCS was classified as being under review.
- The Kingsclear Consolidated School was adopted by Chapters last year and other local partnerships that had raised funds to fill the library with several books, which has benefitted the school. The KCS Assessment Results were

reported to have scored 100% twice in the last 5 years and is the top school in the Province of NB. The hard work of the staff and Administration has allowed KCS to also receive drama production awards.

- Acknowledgement was given to a potential new school in the Hanwell Road area, but these are two different communities and a smaller school is wanted by most parents.
- The PSSC Chairperson requested consideration for a catchment change or adding the French Immersion Program to KCS beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. The second request was for the Council to pass a motion for KCS to remain status quo.

Business Arising from the Pervious Minutes

- The Kingsclear Consolidated School sustainability study was discussed following the presentation. Councilor Carr questioned the loss of 47 students, the double entry point comment and the out of zone request for FI students. Confirmation was given that 47 students would include students from two French Immersion entry points (Grade 1 and Grade 3) along with other KCS students now attending GCES as "Out of Zone" requests and approvals.

MOTION:

..... I would like to make a motion that with regards to Kingsclear Consolidated School that we maintain the status quo at the school.

Moved: Stephanie Haslam

Seconded: Wallace Carr

Motion Defeated

- Councilor Buckley thanked the PSSC Chairperson for her presentation to the Council. Councilor Buckley shared her concerns, around safety and accessibility, with the school not having a gymnasium, an appropriate ventilation or sprinkler system and no wheelchair accessibility. Councilor Douglass added that the Ernest & Young study showed that the age of the school and the cost of these repairs/additions prohibits this from happening, as it would be far more economical for the Province of N.B. to build a new school.
- Councilor Haslam added that results had been reported to not be good in the Province of PEI since the closure of their smaller schools.
- Dominic Cardy, MLA, was in attendance and was asked what his thoughts were around the closure of schools? Mr. Cardy informed the Council and members of the public that their Progressive Conservative platform was to reverse the decision to close small schools based on their size alone.
- Councilor Douglass added that size of Kingsclear Consolidated School and the student population is not the issue. Currently the Council are studying four schools in the city of Fredericton with three of them being filled to capacity with no storage space along with now wheelchair accessibility.
- Councilor Hogan commented that with a French Immersion Program at KCS, the building would be outgrown and then what do we do? Councilor Hogan was also concerned with the age of the building and not being wheelchair accessible.
- Councilor Carr added that part of the sustainability study, a physical plant study was done for KCS. This study outlined priority 1, 2, and 3, so what does this mean? Shawn explained that all school projects are prioritized by 1, 2, and 3. The Capital Investment is prioritized not the urgency of the project.

MOTION:

..... I would like to make a motion that we recommend as a District Education Council to keep Kingsclear Consolidated School open and that we request an investment (sprinkler system, ventilation and gymnasium) into the school, down the road.

MOVED: Jane Buckley

Seconded: Andy Saunders

Motion Carried

- Councilor Buckley added that when the Capital Investment meeting occurs in the spring of 2019, KCS will be discussed and the investments (sprinkler system, ventilation and gymnasium) will be prioritized at that time.
- Councilor Hogan asked for clarification on the status of KCS sustainability study. Councilor Douglass reviewed that a third meeting occurred but that a decision could not be made at that time, so we took it off the table. Another meeting occurred and a closing the study.
- Councilor Haslam asked if she could make a motion that KCS be granted a French Immersion Program in the 2019-2020 school year. The request was denied as it is an operational matter, which the Council have no authority. Councilor Haslam asked if a catchment review would be considered and again this was considered operational and denied.

Wolostiquakiy Policy

- Catherine provided the Council with a brief update from an earlier meeting where the draft policy was reviewed. Changes were made to include all students in ASD-W. Catherine has also provided the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development with a draft of the proposed policy and a request was made for their input. A request was made for the Wolostiquakiy committee to review the policy one more time and then bring the recommendation back to the Council for approval.

Correspondence

- There were no correspondence to discuss.

New Business

- A conversation had occurred earlier about the age of the District Education laptops as being between 8 to 10 years old. The size is heavy and cumbersome with many needed repairs over the years.

MOTION

.... That we move forward with replacing our computers with a cheaper tablet alternative as previously quoted by Bryan Facey, Technology and Trades Subject Coordinator and move forward with this purchase.

MOVED: Andrew Corey

Seconded: Wallace Carr

Motion Carried

- Counselor Saunders added that an iPad was more difficult to present with but usually a laptop is available when needed.
- Councilor Douglass added that this motion along with previous motions were carried by a unanimous vote.

Superintendent Monitoring Report:

- **ASD-W-EL4: Budget and Forecasting** – the Director of Finance and Administration presented a report called *ASD-W-EL4: Budget and Forecasting* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented four times per year and is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. Shawn reported that the budget was a balanced budget as of August 31, 2018. However, areas to closely monitor are Educational Assistants (528.10 employees) salaries and building heating costs. Councilor Hogan asked if there were more Educational Assistants this year and if so, what do you do when they are needed and there is no budget for this expense. Shawn confirmed that there were more Educational Assistants than previous years and that the district look in other budget areas to support the cost as the medical and behavior needs of students must be made a priority and support is in place.
- **ASD-W-EL8: Communication to the Council** – the Acting Superintendent presented a report called *ASD-W-EL8: Communication to the Council* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented once per year and is also posted publically on the ASD-W website.
- **First Nation Enhancement Report** – the Acting Superintendent provided a report called *Enhancement Agreement Report 2017-2020*. This report is presented once per year and is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. The report outlines the goals, which includes Truth and Reconciliation through strategic plans that are school specific and by community. The number of student graduates are included in this report and we continue to work towards preparing Wolostiquakiy students with courses so that they may continue to further their education. This report is shared with all 6 First Nation communities within ASD-W.

Committee Reports:

- **ADHOC Committee Policy 711** – Councilor Hogan reported that they met to write a letter regarding Policy 711 and the effects of this policy on school communities. A handout was provided and a discussion was had on the content of the letter. Once finalized, this letter will be placed on DEC Letterhead and submitted to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development. A discussion was had about food waste and fundraisers. The draft letter was forwarded to all committee members to review and adjust as needed prior to the upcoming meeting at McAdam Avenue School on October 25th.
- **Policy Committee** – they have been no recent meetings to report.
- **Student Voice Committee** – Councilor Pond reported that this committee had not met since the end of the last school year. Plans are being made now to meet again after the Thought Exchange program is circulated. A review of the Student Voice Committee are, Councilor Carr, Councilor Haslam and Councilor Pond. Councilor Douglass

commented that the Thought Exchange program should be considered as an avenue for feedback and the Student Leadership Conference in November.

Public Comments:

- A. Cox from the Daily Gleaner was in attendance for the meeting and the Chairperson confirmed that she would speak with the reporter after the public meeting.
- Dominic Cardy, MLA, reported to have attended tonight's meeting to listen to the Council and to make them aware of his intention to work with the Council.

Closing Comments:

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and she acknowledged district staff in attendance.

Date for Next Public Meeting:

- The next Public DEC Meeting will be held at the Woodstock Education Centre on November 22nd.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Kimberley Douglass

Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

Nov. 22, 2018

Date

Carol Clark-Caterini

Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC

Nov. 22, 2018

Date