



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL

Virtual Meeting Public Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 20, 2021

<p>Council Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanya Adams – SD 01 • Andy Saunders – SD 02 • Heather Hogan – SD 03 • Miriam Grant – SD 04 • Laura O’Brien – SD 06 • Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chairperson • Kimberley Douglass – SD 10 – Chairperson • Faith Kennedy – SD 11 • Wallace Carr – SD 12 • Thomas Geburt – SD 13 <p>Council Member Regrets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Corey – SD 05 • Sean Winslow – SD 08 • David Perley - First Nations 	<p>ASD-W District Staff Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David McTimoney, Superintendent • Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & DEC • Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum & Instruction • Catherine Blaney, Director of Education Support Services • Jay Colpitts – Director of Schools - WEC • Jennifer Read, Director of Communications • Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration • Ross Campbell, Subject Coordinator, Health and Physical Education <p>Vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant – Sub-district 7 <p>Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media (2)
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Call to Order / Comments by the Chair:

- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, called the public meeting to order at **6:31 PM**. Members of the public and media were welcomed to the online virtual meeting. Chairperson Douglass recognized that this meeting was held on the unceded and unsundered Wabanaki territory of the Wolastoqi people. The many students of Maliseet and Mi’kmaq descent were also recognized as attending schools within Anglophone West School District (ASD-W).
- David McTimoney, Superintendent, provided staff introduction of those in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda:

- The agenda was previously reviewed by the Council and approved by consensus with the addition of a COVID Update by the Superintendent under New Business.

Approval of the Minutes – April 22, 2021:

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

Business Arising from the Minutes:

• **COVID-19 Update**

The Superintendent informed the Council that Leo Hayes High School (LHHS) will continue with online learning until the end of the day on Wednesday, May 26th. Nashwaaksis Middle and New Maryland Elementary Schools will both be open to students tomorrow, May 21st. Those that have not completed their 14 self-isolation period will continue to learn from home.

Hubbard Elementary School Updates:

- The Superintendent provided a review of what has occurred at the Hubbard Avenue Elementary School facility since the end of March 2021 when staff and students were moved to a temporary location on Drummond Drive in the Town of Oromocto. A request was made by many for students and staff to remain at the new facility. Provincial Policy 409 was further reviewed, and it was determined that a Sustainability Study was not necessary due to the unforeseen circumstances of needing a new heating system.
- A comparison document was prepared by district staff and the Superintendent met with school staff, PSSC, and held discussions with the District Education Council (DEC). A survey was developed and shared online at the school and ASD-W websites. Data received from this survey suggested the majority consensus appeared to be in favor of remaining at the new location on Drummond Drive. The Superintendent asked the Council to consider his recommendation for staff and students to remain at the new facility permanently and that a motion would need to be carried.

MOTION

..... I will make a motion to support the Superintendent's recommendation tonight for the staff and students to be permanently moved to the new Hubbard Elementary location on Drummond Drive in the Town of Oromocto.

MOVED BY: Thomas Geburt

SECONDED BY: Miriam Grant

MOTION CARRIED

- Councillor Carr asked if this move would affect the catchment boundaries, but it was confirmed by the Superintendent that this would not change the catchment area at this time.
- Councillor Buckley asked why the Arc-en-Ciel students and staff moved from the Drummond Drive location and if the Francophone district needed to follow the Provincial Policy 409 process to allow for a new school to be built? The Superintendent confirmed that the Francophone district had engaged in a Policy 409 study with the approval granted by the Minister for a new school to be built to support the number of students enrolled. The Superintendent confirmed that the Drummond Drive building has been thoroughly inspected and is confirmed to be a safe building.

MOTION

..... I would make a motion to declare the former Hubbard Avenue site as surplus and return it back to the Province of New Brunswick.

MOVED BY: Jane Buckley

SECONDED BY: Wallace Carr

MOTION CARRIED

Black History Month:

- A conversation from a school PSSC meeting was brought to the Council by Councillor Geburt. The month of February is marked to recognize Black History in our Province. The Curriculum Team reviewed various subjects that reflect on this important history & initiatives were found and organized by schools. The district has learned that this recognition can be improved upon by talking and embedding the history in our curriculum and celebrating it, in particular during the month of February. Details were provided to Councillor Geburt to report back to the PSSC Committee. Acknowledgement was given to Councillor Geburt for bringing this topic to the Council and to the district staff for their work and findings.

Lincoln & Geary Elementary Sprinkler System Comparison:

- It was noted that both Lincoln and Geary Community Elementary Schools were built around the same time, but that Lincoln had a sprinkler system and Geary did not. Shawn Tracey informed the committee that he had learned that the decision to include a fire suppression system in the building was left with the architect. As well, Geary Community Elementary School became a different project than the new build at the Lincoln site. Geary was a building upgrade that turned into a new build due to the findings of significant structural concern during the repair.

New Business:

Capital Improvement Projects and Major Capital Construction Projects

- A power point presentation was provided by Shawn Tracey called 2022/2023 Multi-year Infrastructure Plan and Capital Improvements. Shawn noted that this summer, many school roofs will be inspected.

Should a roof need repair or if emergencies occur in a school, this repair will take priority over the top 30 projects identified on the lists shown tonight. Shawn informed the Council of a Provincial requirement for the Multi-Infrastructure planning to be reported annually for the 69 schools in ASD-W. At tonight's meeting, Shawn had shown an example school (FHS) report with the remaining 68 school reports being saved to the DEC Portal. Projects that are underway that have already been approved are the new school in the Hanwell area and the new Northside East Fredericton K-5 school is in the design process.

- Shawn informed the Council of the Quadruple Bottom Line Matrix (QBL) scoring system used by the Department of Education and Early Childhood has changed with projects being added to a 5-year plan. ASD-W currently has 4 projects included on this Provincial list. These projects are a replacement Nashwaaksis Memorial / McAdam Avenue School, the Carleton North area new K-8 school, a replacement George Street Middle School, and a replacement Forest Hill / Liverpool Street Elementary K-5 school. Recommendations of Major Capital Priorities to be added to the 5-year priority lists were a replacement Devon Middle School, Minto / Chipman area school assessments based on a recent Ernst & Young study, replacement Oromocto Area schools, and a new shop / skilled trade wing at Leo Hayes High School.

MOTION:

..... I move to approve the Major Capital Improvement Lists as presented to Council tonight.

MOVED BY: Jane Buckley SECONDED BY: Wallace Carr MOTION CARRIED

- Councillor Geburt asked if this was the approval of the top 30 projects on the lists. Shawn confirmed that this was accurate keeping in mind emergency projects taking priority. The chairperson reminded the Council that these projects were for the 2022-2023 school year and not this school year. There were no questions from Council on the process or report provided by Shawn Tracey, DFA.

MOTION:

..... I move to accept the Capital Infrastructure Lists with the addition of two projects: a replacement Devon Middle School and the Leo Hayes High School new wing project.

MOVED BY: Jane Buckley SECONDED BY: Miriam Grant MOTION CARRIED

- Councillor Geburt asked for clarification that the Devon Middle School was project #1 and Leo Hayes High School as project #2 to be added to the lists. Councillor Buckley confirmed that this was accurate.

Councillor Appointment Process:

- The Councillor appointment process requires a list of names be made available from a circulation in the areas without a candidate. The Council has prepared such a list during a private session. A recommendation is ready. Councillor Hogan added that there was an expression of interest in the Council, but not everyone wants to run in an election with fear of being not elected. The Chairperson added that Councillors are not politicians, but rather petitioning for the students that attend our schools.
- Councillor Carr requested to forward the names to the Minister as mandated. Councillor Douglass asked if the Council wishes to submit the names, regardless of the Ministers correspondence to not acknowledge the names until a new council appointed, then a motion needed to be carried.

MOTION:

.... To submit the potential list of Councillor names of sub-district vacancies to the Minister now for his approval.

MOVED BY: Wallace Carr SECONDED BY: Jane Buckley MOTION CARRIED

- Councillor Geburt recognized that this was the process as outlined in the Education Act and that they were simply completing what is expected of the Council.

Presentations:

Curriculum & Program Presentation: Health & Physical Education

- The Curriculum and Program presentation was provided by Ross Campbell. Lifestyle changes, capable and competent students have been a focus along with inclusion. Presentations have been done with teachers and students for Indigenous games. Games were invented to solve conflict in the Indigenous communities. "Hand and Eye" games were used as learning tools. The Council was invited to explore this concept.
- A baseball initiative has allowed over 400 students to work with the Blue Jays initiative in a leadership filled project that includes all students of race.

Circle of Understanding:

- Councillor Perley was not in attendance. The Circle of Understanding presentation has been postponed until the next public DEC meeting. Councillor Perley has sent his interest in working with future DEC's and the First Nation component.

Correspondence – Outgoing and Incoming:

- Letter to the Minister – Bath Community School declared as surplus.
- Letter from the Minister regarding DEC Appointments to be delayed until a new Council is selected.
- Council of DEC Chair's press release that speaks to the importance of DEC's in the education system.

Superintendent Monitoring Reports:

- The Superintendent presented a report called *ASD-W-EL2.2: School Culture* as per the annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented once per year and is posted publicly on the ASD-W website and the DEC Portal. "Our School Data" is collected typically in the fall with result around Christmas.
- The Superintendent presented a report called *ASD-W-ER4: Sexual Orientation & Gender Identities* as per the annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented once per year and is posted publicly on the ASD-W website and the DEC Portal.
- Catherine added the language change with GSA standing for Gender Sexuality Alliance now rather than the previously known Gay Straight Alliance.
- The Chairperson commented on a question she received today from the media on what the Council does. Kimberley began with policies being determined as important. This Council has established two policies over the past four year: ASD-W-ER4 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities, and ASD-W-ER11 – Wabanaki Education. These polices are created by Council, the Superintendent then reports the work that has been done to fulfil the expectation. The reports are scored that reflects on the performance of the Superintendent.
- Jay mentioned that on behalf of the WEC, his appreciation and that of his staff for their work and volunteering. Miriam was recognized as being in her 20th year serving on the Council.

Committee Reports:

- **Student Voice:** This report was deferred until the next public meeting by Councillor Carr.

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Closing Comments:

Date of Next Public Meeting: Thursday, June 10, 2021 – Tentative public meeting at the Fredericton Inn

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM by Councillor Buckley.

Kimberley Douglass

Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

June 10, 2021

Date

Carol Clark-Caterini

Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & DEC

June 10, 2021

Date