



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
Best Western Hotel & Suites
123 Gallop Court, Woodstock, NB
Public Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 2020**

<p>Council Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Saunders – SD 02 • Heather Hogan – SD 03 • Andrew Corey – SD 05 • Laura O’Brien – SD 06 - Virtual • Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair • Kimberley Douglass – SD 10 – Chair • Faith Kennedy – SD 11 - Virtual • Thomas Geburt – SD 13 • David Perley - First Nations <p>Council Member Regrets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanya Adams – SD 01 • Miriam Grant – SD 04 • Sean Winslow – SD 08 • Wallace Carr – SD 12 	<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 • Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance & Administration • Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools - WEC • Mike White, Information Technologies, II <p>Vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant – Sub-district 7 • Vacant – Student Representative <p>Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media (1)
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Call to Order / Comments by the Chair:

- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at **6:30 PM**. The Chairperson recognized that this meeting was held on the unceded and unsundered territory of the Wolastoqiyik people and she recognized their involvement in the education of their children. The Chairperson also acknowledged the active involvement of an Indigenous representative on the District Education Council. The Council is very pleased to have Councillor David Perley representing the six First Nation Communities that are within the Anglophone School District West boundaries.

Approval of the Agenda – September 17, 2020

- The agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes – May 21, 2020

- Councillors had previously reviewed the last public meeting minutes and approval was given by consensus.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- There was no business to discuss from the May 21, 2020 meeting minutes.

New Business:

Meeting Schedule

- Councillors were provided with a 2020-21 DEC Meeting Schedule for their review and approval. It was noted that meetings would need to be held in a larger location than district office conference rooms due to COVID restrictions.

MOTION

..... I move to approve the 2020-2021 DEC meeting schedule.

MOVED BY: Andy Saunders

SECONDED BY: Heather Hogan

MOTION CARRIED

Planning Cycle

- Councillors were provided with a 2020-21 DEC Planning Cycle for their review and approval. It was noted that this proposed Planning Cycle included Curricular and Program Presentations that were missed last year due to the COVID shut-down and digital learning presentations that aligned with the DEC goal.

MOTION

..... I move to approve the 2020-21 DEC Planning Cycle.

MOVED BY: Thomas Geburt

SECONDED BY: Andrew Corey

MOTION CARRIED

Curricular & Program Presentation

- Curricular and Program presentations will begin in the month of October 2020, beginning with Digital Learning-Teacher Supports. The French Second Language Programs will be presented in November, followed by First Nations (December), Digital Learning-Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) (January), EAL (February), Fine Arts (March), Digital Learning-Assessment & Feedback in the Digital World (April), Physical Education and Health (May) and Co-op Experiential Learning (June). Each Curricular presentation will be approximately 10 minutes in length and Digital Learning presentations will be approximately 20 minutes.
- Councillor Buckley asked the Superintendent if it was accurate that students attend every other day at Fredericton High School, Leo Hayes High School and Oromocto High School when rural area high school students are expected to attend every day? Councillor Buckley was hearing that Group A would be taught on Monday and Group B on Tuesday, and moving forward rotating, which makes her believe that only half of the curriculum will be reviewed. In addition, is it accurate that only one check-in per day is expected? The Superintendent responded that learning is expected in the Anglophone schools on a rotation schedule.
- Councillor Buckley asked why the Francophone system was more advanced and learning was made available to every student every day. The Superintendent responded that in the Anglophone system, learning every 2nd day is not what is expected. When at student is at home, the student is expected to continue with the learning that was delivered by the teacher. The Superintendent went on to clarify that Group A (last name A – L) and Group B (last name M-Z) both receive the same lessons every day through technology devices. Subsidies are available for all eligible students in the Province of NB to purchase a computer and some devices are on loan from the school. Computers have started to arrive at the schools and will continue to arrive within the next couple of weeks. A Teacher will not expect a student to be on a screen for 5 hours but may work with one group and then another while the one group works independently.
- The Chairperson added that a new topic daily is not normal, classroom work needs to be completed to align with curriculum expectations and outcomes. The Chairperson acknowledged students and teachers need to be accountable to someone every day and she went on to say that the Province of NB should have ensured technology was in place earlier for all students attending schools within our Province.
- Councillor Hogan added that the Department of Education and early Childhood Development were working with the Province to ensure internet towers were working in rural areas so that all students could have access to remote teaching. It is unfortunate that some students did not have a device at the beginning of school, and if a Teacher recorded the lesson which the student listened to later, it may impact student attendance. Councillor Hogan went on to say that an investment of a camera at the back of a classroom would have been nice for the Anglophone districts. It is important to know that the Ed Act states that a student needs to be in school and not working during instructional hours. The employer is breaking this legislation if it is occurring. **ACTION:** The Superintendent plans to virtually meet with all High School Principals the following week to talk this expectation through. As well, it was asked that the Superintendent report back on if the progress in ASD-W for delivering lessons to students at high school.
- It was asked if teachers would still deliver their lessons on storm days. The Superintendent responded that the collective agreement will not allow the Superintendent to say that on a storm day, teachers need to attend work. This could only be changed through collective bargaining.
- The Chairperson gave a reminder that the Council is not to dabble in the operations of the school district.

Superintendent Monitoring Reports:

- **ASD-W-ELO: Global Executive Limitations** – The Superintendent presented a report called *ASD-W-ELO: Global Executive Limitations* as per the annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented one time per year and is posted publicly on the ASD-W website.
- **ASD-W-ELI: Emergency Superintendent Succession** – The Superintendent presented a report called *ASD-W-ELI: Emergency Superintendent Succession* as per the annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented one time per year and is posted publicly on the ASD-W website.

- **ASD-W-ER2.0: Mission, Vision and Core Values** – The Superintendent presented a report called ASD-W-ER2.0: Mission, Vision and Core Values as per the annual Planning Cycle. The mission and vision align with the district plan. ASD-W is more stable now and it is time to review this statement with the involvement of all staff. In 2015, the original statement was approved by council. **ACTION:** Engagement activity with Council would include DEC participation. David Perley asked if First Nation communities Directors could also be included. Kimberley added that she participated in the creation of the district plan and a lot of quality was done.
- The Superintendent added that during the shut down of schools and DEC meetings, some Superintendent reports were shared informally with the Council and some were postponed until the Public meeting in October. Some reports were cancelled for the year.

Committee Reports:

- There were no committee reports. It is expected that the Code of Conduct report will be provided at the next public DEC meeting in October 2020.

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Closing Comments:

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for their involvement in the meeting and the district office staff that were in attendance.

Date of Next Public Meeting: Thursday, October 29, 2020 at the Fredericton Inn in Fredericton, NB

MOTION:

.... I move that the District Education Council meeting be adjourned.

MOVED BY: Thomas Geburt

MOTION CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Kimberley Douglass
Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

October 29, 2020
Date

Carol Clark-Caterini
Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant, DEC

October 30, 2020
Date