ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sustainability Study – Meeting # 2 Kingsclear Consolidated School Meeting Notes Tuesday, April 4, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Council Members Present:

- Andy Saunders SD 02
- Heather Hogan SD 03
- Miriam Grant SD 04
- Andrew Corey SD 05
- Stephanie Haslam SD 06
- Terry Pond SD 07
- Sean Winslow SD 08
- Kimberley Douglas SD 10 Chair
- Faith Kennedy SD 11
- Wallace Carr SD 12
- Mark Noël SD 13

Council Member Regrets:

- Sheila Gallagher SD 01
- Jane Buckley SD 09
- Darrah Beaver First Nations

ASD-W Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Daniel Wishart, Transportation Manager
- Mark Manderson, Assistant Transportation Manager
- Philip Cliff, Facilities Manager
- Jason Humprey, Director of Communication
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC
- Paula Rowsell, IT Technician

Guests

Approximately 30 Community Members

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- Kimberley Douglass, District Education Chair, welcomed everyone to the second Sustainability Study public meeting for Kingsclear Consolidated School.
- Rebecca Atkinson, Kingsclear Consolidated PSSC Chair presented a power point presentation about the Kingsclear Consolidated School. This presentation can be found along with other pertinent documents and information related to the sustainability study of Kingsclear Elementary School on our website www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/sustainability/pages/kingsclear
- The final public meeting for the Kingsclear Consolidated School Sustainability Study outcome will be held on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>May 4</u>, **2017 at 6:30 p.m.** at a location to soon be announced.
- Various presenters contributed to the evening of presentations. A local businessman suggested a K-2 structure be given to KCS and a grade 3-5 for GCES.
- Brian MacDonald, MLA thanked the Council for their attendance tonight. He pointed out that KCS was not exclusive to the Hanwell School that even though was a recommendation of Council, it is yet to be approved for government. Mactaquac Dam refurbishment is expected to bring additional jobs to the area and projected growth in the community. Decreased enrollment is linked to French Immersion opportunities offered in other schools. This presentation is available on the ASD-W Kingsclear Consolidated Sustainability page.
- Rebecca Atkinson provided her personal testimonials and family support at Kingsclear Consolidated School.
- Student and parent testimonies were provided.
- The community's wish is to keep KCS open status quo with possible future investment. If the recommendation is closure, September 2017 is not in the best interest of students, 2018 does not alleviate the overcrowding at other schools, wait until the Hanwell School is built.

Closing Comments:

- Councilor Sean Winslow asked Brian MacDonald, MLA for clarification on the French Immersion program being brought to KCS. Challenges for this school is that students are not even attending KCS early as they are attending another school that offers this program. Enrollment problems may be a factor once the school is closed.
- Councilor Mark Noël commented that the presentations were very clear and well-presented tonight.
- Chairperson Kimberley Douglass acknowledged that KCS was a chosen school to study this year.
- A public member asked the Superintendent why LHHS was not going to be constructed but a new Hanwell school is an option. Why can't this project (Hanwell School) be pushed back? Priority #1 is a Technology Wing at LHHS, Priority 2 is a new school at Hanwell. This list is submitted to EECD and yes, the Hanwell School could trump the LHHS construction requests.
- A community member thanked the district staff and Council for the time spent here tonight. The best outcome is for the students to remain at this small school.
- Kimberley Douglass, Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their presentation, questions and comments.
- Three outcomes included in Policy 409 are to remain status quo (where the study is declared finished), to make a recommendation to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to invest in repairs for the school, and thirdly, a recommendation to close the school and place students elsewhere (in 2017 or 2018 or move students to a new school in Hanwell, if and when it is built).
- ➤ Date for Next Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2017 Meeting # 3
- ➤ The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.