

ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 2019 Woodstock Education Centre

Council Members Present:

- Tanya Adams SD 01
- Andy Saunders SD 02
- Heather Hogan SD 03
- Miriam Grant SD 04
- Andrew Corey SD 05
- Laura O'Brien SD 06
- · Kimberley Douglas SD 10 Chair
- Wallace Carr SD 12
- Thomas Geburt SD 13

Council Member Regrets:

- · Sean Winslow SD 08
- Jane Buckley SD 09 Vice Chair
- Faith Kennedy SD 11
- David Perley First Nations

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- · David McTimoney, Superintendent
- · Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- · Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools
- · Karen Morton, Director of Human Resources
- · Judy Cole, Director of Communications
- Susan Young, Data and Accountability Supervisor
- Jon Hoyt-Hallett, Science Subject Coordinator (K-12)
- · Lisa Greene, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Schools

Guests:

Media (1)

Vacancies:

- Vacant Sub-district 7
- Vacant Student Representative

Call to Order / Comments by the Chair:

• Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at <u>6:36 p.m.</u>, and she welcomed everyone to the District Education Council meeting in Woodstock. The Chairperson recognized that this meeting was held on unceeded and unsurrendered Wolastoqiyik territory.

Approval of the Agenda - November 21, 2019:

• The agenda was reviewed by the Council. The Town Hall Transportation meeting was added under New Business. With this addition the agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes - October 24, 2019:

The October 24th minutes were reviewed by Council. One error was noted in the Council attendance. Miriam Grant was shown as in attendance but was absent from this meeting that was held in Fredericton. With this correction, the minutes were approved by consensus.

In-camera Session:

MOTION:

.... I move that the Council move to an in-camera meeting.

MOVED BY: Miriam Grant

SECONDED BY: Heather Hogan

MOTION CARRIED

- Kimberley Douglass reported that during the "In-camera" meeting, a motion was made and approved for David McTimoney to be renewed in a new five-year contract as Superintendent in Anglophone West School District. This appointment would commence on <u>July 1, 2020</u> and end no later than <u>June 30, 2025</u>.
- David McTimoney expressed his gratitude to the Council for bringing this motion forward at this time and for their approval for him to remain in this leadership position. David McTimoney acknowledged exciting times were forthcoming over the next couple of years in Education. David McTimoney expressed his appreciation for this vote of confidence, and he thanked the Council for their support. David McTimoney accepted his third 5-year contract as Superintendent in Anglophone West School District.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

• DEC Vacancy in Sub-district 7 - Currently there have been no interested candidates to fill this vacant position. Due to the short period of time before the municipal and DEC elections, the Council will reach out to the PSSC's in Sub-

district 7 to inform them of a representative from Council will attend their PSSC meetings. As well, district office will support schools in this area with written DEC reports.

DEC Planning Cycle - It was noted that the DEC Planning Cycle and DEC Policies need to align with each other. Therefore, the following Motions were Carried.

MOTION:

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..... I move to remove a presentation on Assessment Results in May to correct the Planning Cycle.

MOVED BY: Heather Hogan

SECONDED BY: Wallace Carr

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION:

..... I move to amend the ASD-W-ER4 DEC Policy, which states it is to be reported in December. It is in the DEC Planning Cycle to occur in May and not December. This report will be presented in May.

MOVED BY: Miriam Grant

SECONDED BY: Thomas Geburt

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION:

..... I move to amend ASD-W-EL6 DEC Policy which states it is to be reported in January and May. This policy has only ever been reported in January and will continue to be reported in January only.

MOVED BY: Laura O'Brien

SECONDED: Tanya Adams

MOTION CARRIED

DEC Meeting Schedule Updates - The 2019-20 DEC meeting schedule had been previously adjusted to add a working and public meeting; however, the approved changes were not reflected in the minutes. On November 7, 2019 a working meeting was added, and a public meeting was added on April 23, 2020.

New Business:

- The Superintendent acknowledged the district office staff in attendance.
- It was requested that DEC Goals be aligned with the District Improvement Plan. ACTION: This topic will be added to the DEC working meeting in January 2020.
- A reminder was given of the upcoming sustainability study meetings scheduled at Bath Community School (9:00 a.m.) and Bristol Elementary School (1:00 p.m.) on Saturday, November 30, 2019. A discussion followed about a community Christmas parade occurring at 11:00 a.m. so contact was made by the Director of Schools to the PSSC, Mayor of Bath and Bath Community School Principal to discuss what would be best for the community. recommendation was made for the Bath Community School public meeting to be changed to 9:00 a.m. The meeting start time will be communicated to the public by the Director of Communications.

MOTION:

.... I move that we accept the new schedule for the November 30th Bath / Bristol Sustainability Studies.

MOVED BY: Andy Saunders

SECONDED BY: Andrew Corey

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION:

.... to amend the schedule that was just approved to reflect the change to 8:45 AM for the Council members to meet at the Bath Community School.

MOVED BY: Thomas Geburt SECONDED BY: Wallace Carr

MOTION CARRIED

• Town Hall Meeting on Transportation - David McTimoney reported the first of three public Town Hall meetings regarding transportation will occur on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at Nashwaaksis Middle School from 6:30-8:30 pm. The format is as follows. Initially the superintendent will provide a presentation on the dynamics of transportation within the school system. Then there will be three rounds of 15-minute discussions on five topics-financial considerations, transportation technology, storm days, catchment areas, policies & procedures. Finally, there will be a wrap-up and final summary. The presentation and notes will be posted to the AWSD website. A report will be provided to the DEC at a future meeting.

Presentation:

• Curricular and Program Presentation – Jon Hoyt-Hallett, Subject Coordinator for Science, provided an interactive presentation, entitled "Science Literacy: A Pedagogical Shift". He indicated the journey began four years ago with the introduction of a spotlight on science skills document by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. At that time a shift began from a knowledge-based science curriculum to one which is a student centered, hands-on, inquiry and skills-based approach. DEC members were invited to participate in a "mystery tube" exploration. A challenge was issued to the participants to identify what the tube looks like on the inside. Next month, the curricular focus will be literacy.

Correspondence:

No correspondence to report.

Superintendent Monitoring Reports:

ASD-W ER2.1 - Academic Excellence - This policy calls for an inclusive student and teacher learning environment, which empowers students to be responsible for their learning. It promotes lifelong learning and working pursuits, as well as academic and teaching excellence in a variety of subject areas. Research indicates students must develop skills which allows them to adapt to a rapidly changing environment. Students may enter into careers which may have not been developed yet. Critical thinking is important for students to evaluate and articulate what and why they are learning, as well as what to do next. This is called "assessment capable" learners. This is year three of a three-year District Improvement Plan. Collective teacher working and planning will improve student outcomes. Teachers also want to ensure students have opportunities to pursue their passions, so they feel connected to school. The district wants learning to be extended outside the classroom setting. There are a variety of policies, i.e. Gifted and Talented Learners that relate to academic excellence. We need to invest in competent teachers. Data is collected to hear the voice of students and how we are doing as a district. Provincial assessment results are available for grade 4, 6, 9 and 10. Data is available to compare our district against other districts, to identify trends and areas for improvement. Additionally, school-based report card results can be equally or more important to provide a snapshot of our system and guide where we need to focus our energy for improvement. Our student database allows the district to organize the data historically to describe the success of students. There is also PISA data available for comparative purposes with new results to be released soon. The New Brunswick Global Competencies poster identifies six key areas for learners. These are discussed daily in schools and used in planning lessons within the district. In summary, the superintendent reported compliance with this monitoring report.

Committee Reports:

- Recognition of the Minister's Excellence in Education Awards-The DEC chairperson reported the awards were held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the Crown Plaza in Fredericton. There were three stellar recipients-Ginger Carson, Sheila Morgan & Alice Sewell. This group is a fantastic example of the educators we have in schools across the district. It was also noted that the recipients of these awards have strong administration behind them, and they are a credit to everyone in the district.
- NB Student Leadership Conference 2019- It was not on the agenda but was briefly summarized by Mr. Carr with permission. He indicated that approximately 50 students attended from ASD-W. The students identified concerns regarding a consistent grading system based on percentages, rural schools and lack of access to courses, lack of free public Wi-Fi in some areas of the province, vaping, and ratio of students to guidance counsellor for course selection. Natasha Spencer also attended the conference on behalf of the school district and collected data. There will be a more formal report next meeting from Wallace Carr. It was noted an article has been posted on the ASD-W website. Several students who attended the Student Leadership Conference expressed interest in the DEC Student Voice Committee. A date for the Student Voice Committee meeting is undetermined at this time.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Closing Comments:

The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date of Next Public Meeting:

The next public meeting will be held on December 12, 2019 at the Fredericton Education Centre.

MOTION:

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

MOVED BY: Andy Saunders

MOTION CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Lisa Greene, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Schools

Bec 12, 2019 Date December 19, 2019