



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sustainability Study
Bristol Elementary School
Meeting Notes
Saturday, January 25, 2020
1:00 p.m.

<p>Council Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Hogan – SD 03 • Miriam Grant – SD 04 • Andrew Corey – SD 05 • Laura O’Brien – SD 06 • Sean Winslow – SD 08 • Kimberley Douglass – SD 10 – Chair • Faith Kennedy – SD 11 • Thomas Geburt – SD 13 • <p>Council Member Regrets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanya Adams – SD 01 • Andy Saunders – SD 02 • Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair • Wallace Carr – SD 12 • David Perley – First Nations <p>Vacant Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD 07 	<p>ASD-W Staff Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David McTimoney, Superintendent • Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools – WEC • Judy Cole, Director of Communication • Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and District Education Council • Stacy DesRoches, IT Support <p>Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 11 Community Members including MLA Andrew Harvey, Mayor of Florenceville-Bristol Karl Curtis, Media (2) and school staff.
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➤ **Sustainability Study – Bristol Elementary School – Meeting #2**

- Kimberley Douglass, District Education Council Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the second Sustainability Study meeting for the Bristol Elementary School at 1:00 p.m. and Councillor introductions were provided.
- David McTimoney, Superintendent, thanked school and district staff for attending today’s meeting as well as the local MLA, Andrew Harvey and Mayor Karl Curtis. District staff introductions were provided by Mr. McTimoney.
- **Presentation #1** - Sarah Pacey provided a power point presentation on behalf of the Town of Florenceville-Bristol. This presentation can be found on the ASD-W Website under sustainability studies/Bristol Elementary School.
- **Presentation #2** - David McTimoney read correspondence on behalf of Nester Gomez, McCain Foods Canada who was not in attendance. This letter can also be found on ASD-W website under sustainability studies/Bristol Elementary School.
- **Presentation #3** - Community Member - Charles McNair provided a power point presentation and stated his support for a new K-8 school to house students from Florenceville Elementary School, Florenceville Middle School and Bristol Elementary School. Mr. McNair recommended that the students from the Village of Bath attend the Bath Community School which would involve completing the construction work on the former Bath Middle School. Mr. McNair’s presentation and speaking notes can also be found on the ASD-W website under sustainability studies/Bristol Elementary Schools.
- MLA, Andrew Harvey, addressed the Council and those in attendance with his belief that the Florenceville-Bristol area schools are a different situation than the Village of Bath Community School. Mr. Harvey’s recommendation was to combine three schools (Florenceville Elementary School, Florenceville Middle School and Bristol Elementary School) into one new modern K-8 school within the Town of Florenceville-Bristol and to continue the major capital construction project at the Bath Community School for the community of Bath students. Mr. Harvey expected to see a cost savings, in time, from busing costs and he went on to say that schools should be built with enough space for future population growth. The Town of Florenceville-Bristol is expected to see economic development with immigration and the return of families to the rural community setting. Currently enrollment in the three Florenceville-Bristol schools is approximately 528 students, therefore, building a smaller school with a capacity to serve just over 600 students would be ideal. Mr. Harvey stated that the Bath Community School project needed to continue immediately, and with the Council’s recommendation to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development,

this could occur quickly with the Bath students beginning the 2020-2021 school year in a newly constructed building. The timeframe to build a new school is a longer process (4 – 5 years), where the Bath Major Capital Construction project is near completion which would resolve the overcrowding issues for staff and student at the Bath Elementary School. Mr. Harvey's second request of Council is to make a recommendation to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development for the disposal of provincial buildings to occur quickly through demolition or sale so that decrepitated buildings are not left in communities.

- Councilor Hogan requested clarification on a statement made earlier that day at the Bath Community School Sustainability Study Meeting where it was suggested that a catchment area review be completed by Council so that the Bristol Elementary School could attend the Bath Community School. Mr. Harvey clarified that the Bristol students could be given an opportunity to attend either school based on the decision of educators to determine where the French Immersion program would be offered.

➤ **Public Comments and Questions**

- A request was made to confirm the student enrollment at the Bath Community School. Mr. McTimoney confirmed that 128 students were enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year.
- A community member requested that consideration for a new K-8 school be built closer to the Bristol school rather than the Florenceville schools in fairness to the Bristol students who would have longer travel time.

➤ **Closing Comments:**

- The District Education Council Chairperson reminded the community that if they should have questions, to please reach out to ASD-W through the sustainability study website or by calling the district office. Ms. Douglass thanked those in attendance for their presentations, questions and comments. The ASD-W Bristol Sustainability study can be found at : <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/sustainability/Pages/BristolElementary.aspx>

➤ **Date for Next Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. – Carleton North High School - Meeting # 3**

➤ **The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.**