

ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sustainability Study – Meeting # 1
Nashwaaksis Memorial School
Meeting Notes
Thursday, September 27, 2018
6:30 p.m.

<p>Council Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Corey – SD 05 • Stephanie Haslam – SD 06 • Terry Pond – SD 07 • Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair • Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Chair • Faith Kennedy – SD 11 <p>Council Member Regrets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanya Adams – SD 01 • Andy Saunders – SD 02 • Heather Hogan – SD 03 • Miriam Grant – SD 04 • Sean Winslow – SD 08 • Wallace Carr – SD 12 • Mark Noël – SD 13 • David Perley – First Nations 	<p>ASD-W Staff Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent • Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC • Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration • Wayne Annis, Director of Schools – FEC • Judy Cole, Director of Communication • Susan Young, Supervisor of Data and Accountability • Angus Smith, Facilities Manager • Nadine Peters, Assistant Facilities Manager • Wendell Dempsey, IT Support <p>Guests: Approximately 12 Community Members</p>
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➤ **Sustainability Study – Nashwaaksis Memorial School – Meeting #1**

- Kimberley Douglass, District Education Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the first Sustainability Study public meeting for Nashwaaksis Memorial School. Kimberley thanked the Principal and staff of Nashwaaksis Memorial School for their hospitality and a tour of the school prior to the meeting.
- Catherine Blaney, Acting Superintendent of ASD-W presented a 40 page power point presentation called Nashwaaksis Memorial School Sustainability Study. This presentation can be found along with other pertinent documents and information related to the Sustainability Study on our website, <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/sustainability/Pages/nasismemorial.aspx>
- The District Education Council (DEC) introduced themselves and they provided the area in which they serve as a Councillor.
- The next public meeting at Nashwaaksis Memorial School will be held on **Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** At that time, stakeholders will be given an opportunity to present to the DEC. A stakeholder registration form is posted on the Anglophone West School District website under Nashwaaksis Memorial School Sustainability Study. This document needs to be completed and sent to Carol Clark-Caterini one week prior to that meeting to present to the Council. The final meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 24, 2019** at Fredericton High School, Tom Morrison Theatre.
- 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 build a new school and close Nashwaaksis Memorial School (NMS) and combine with McAdam Avenue School (MAES) for students continued education.

➤ **Public Comments and Questions**

- The population for NMS and MAES had been given tonight and it is known that other schools on the Northside of the city are at their 80% functional capacity and above. Does the district look at the district as a whole and build a school bigger than needed to allow for community growth? Shawn responded that a Northside study had been completed by district staff and their recommendation had been provided to the council. During this study, a second recommendation was made for a new school in the Killarney Lake area. Shawn explained the process District Education Council uses to prioritize recommendations called the Capital Construction List. This past school year, a new school in the Hanwell area was the 1st recommendation, an addition of a technical wing at Leo Hayes High School as priority #2, and a new school on the Northside of the city as recommendation #3. The Northside study is available on the ASD-W website under Sustainability Studies/Nashwaaksis Memorial School.
- It was mentioned that a good size for an elementary school would be a functional capacity to house 500 students. The expectation for a new Northside school would need to support 650 students. Shawn responded that a larger size school has been taken into consideration.
- It was asked if there was an immediate concern with the building structure and if the air quality was regularly being tested. Shawn explained that at the time of the NMS build, the school was built for that day. An annual prioritized maintenance list is submitted to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development with regulations and major work needing to take top priority. Ongoing maintenance repairs continues by district employees, asbestos checks are done regularly and an air quality test has been done and continues to occur for this facility.
- It was asked if a cost comparison has been completed to improve the building and to build a new school. Shawn responded that a mid-life study would need to be completed by the Province of NB to determine the full extent of repairs needed to bring the facility

- up to today's standards. The Province would then determine the best scenario, such as at, the Bath Community School that had a mid-life study completed to allow for major construction to occur at this facility.
- It was noted that the McAdam Avenue School lost potential students when the Douglas school closed to Royal Road Elementary School.
 - NMS is beyond their functional capacity, so how long would the process take to build a new school? In January 2019, the District Education Council will make a decision on the 4 schools being studied. In May 2019 the District Education Council will make a recommendation to the Minister of Education for capital construction projects for ASD-W. From that time period, it may take 5 years to break ground prior to a new school being built.
 - So what do we do in the mean-time with a school that is over capacity? The district works hard on repairing as needed and adjusting as needed.
 - What about bussing, would a new school require students to be bussed further? It was noted that elementary students are bussed if they live 1.6 km's away and the location is a decision made by the Province.
 - Could a new school in the Hanwell area delay the build of a new school on the Northside? It was noted that all studies are prioritized by the DEC in May 2019. All studies are prioritized by the DEC for a vote in May.
 - Is a cafeteria a need or a want to bring schools up to code? Shawn responded that the Connaught Street Elementary School was approved for a kitchen upgrade and a gymnasium while undergoing mid-life upgrades.
 - If there is a cafeteria provided in a new school, would contract services be provided? At this time, it is unknown.
 - Who is the DEC representative? Jane responded that Sean Winslow, was they DEC Representative for the Sub-district 8 area which includes Nashwaaksis Memorial School.
 - A reminder was given that a decision on the 3 options for this school will be in January 2019 and a decision of the priority of builds are in May 2019.

➤ **Closing Comments:**

- The Acting Superintendent reminded the community to be prepared for the next public meeting on November 1st by completing the stakeholder registration form available at the entrance of the school or on the ASD-W Nashwaaksis Memorial School Sustainability Study website. Once completed, this document needs to be submitted to carol.clark-caterini@gnb.ca one week in advance of the meeting with details of who will be presenting to the District Education Council.
- The Superintendent's power point presentation was posted to the Nashwaaksis Memorial School Sustainability Study website that evening along with other pertinent documents for review. An e-mail address, asdwsustainability@nbed.nb.ca was provide for communication with the district along with the mailing address and contct phone number.
- Catherine Blaney thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their questions and comments.

➤ **Date for Next Meeting: Thursday, November 1, 2018 – Nashwaaksis Memorial School - Meeting # 2**

➤ **The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**