

**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SUSTAINABILITY STUDY – Meeting # 1**  
**MCADAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**Thursday, October 8, 2015**  
**6:30 p.m.**

<p><b>Council Members Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Corey – SD 05</li> <li>• Terry Pond – SD 07</li> <li>• Ron Buck – SD 08</li> <li>• Jane Buckley – SD 09</li> <li>• Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Vice Chair</li> <li>• Donald Gould – SD 11</li> <li>• Elizabeth Nason – SD 12</li> <li>• Mark Noël – SD 13 - Chair</li> <li>• Tim Nicholas – First Nations</li> </ul> <p><b>Council Member Regrets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheila Gallagher – SD 01</li> <li>• Norma Shaw – SD 02</li> <li>• John Slipp – SD 03</li> <li>• Miriam Grant – SD 04</li> <li>• David Bowen – SD 06</li> </ul>	<p><b>ASD-W Staff Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David McTimoney, Superintendent</li> <li>• Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration</li> <li>• Daniel Wishart, Transportation Manager</li> <li>• Ed Hogan, Assistant Transportation Manager</li> <li>• Philip Cliff, Facilities Manager</li> <li>• Gina Dunnett, Supervisor of Data and Accountability</li> <li>• Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC Secretary</li> </ul> <p><b>Guests:</b>  41 Community Members  1 Media</p>
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➤ **Sustainability Study – McAdam Elementary School – Meeting #1**

- Mark Noël, District Education Chair welcomed everyone to the first Sustainability Meeting for McAdam Elementary School and he thanked the Principal and staff of McAdam Elementary School for their hospitality and tour of the school prior to the meeting.
- David McTimoney, Superintendent of ASD-W presented a 56 page power point presentation called McAdam Elementary School Sustainability Study. David reviewed and discussed the content of the slides on school history, statistics and financial data with the public.
- A various scenario slide was reviewed for McAdam Elementary School. Movement of students from McAdam Elementary School to Harvey Elementary School and movement of students from McAdam Elementary School to a newly created K-12 setting at the current McAdam High School pending the ongoing sustainability study. If there were a decision to move the students to Harvey Elementary School, the projected enrollment would be 248 students with 12 classrooms in use at a 93.9% functional capacity. If the elementary students were to attend a newly K-12 McAdam School the enrollment would be 165 students with 7 homerooms and a functional capacity of 48.8%. A future report will be provided in the near future that will be used to describe these two scenarios.
- This presentation can be found along with other pertinent documents and information related to the sustainability study of McAdam Elementary School on our website [www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/sustainability/pages/mcadam](http://www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/sustainability/pages/mcadam)
- The next public meeting at McAdam Elementary School will be held on **Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** where stakeholders will be allowed to present to the District Education Councilors. A stakeholder form is posted on ASD-W website. This document needs to be completed and sent to Carol Clark-Caterini one week prior to that meeting. The final meeting will be on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at the Fredericton High School in the Tom Morrison Theatre.

- Three outcomes included in Policy 409 are to remain status quo where the study is declared finished, a vote to make a recommendation to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to repair the school, and thirdly a recommendation to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to close the school and place students elsewhere.

➤ **Public Comments and Questions**

- Trever Flynn, community member and parent at McAdam Elementary School, ask the district to review the bus travel time slide on page 38 again as the latest drop off time from McAdam Elementary School seemed to be inaccurate. Daniel Wishart, Acting Transportation Manager will re-check the calculation time in the Transportation Program used by Anglophone West School District called Versa Trans again and he will report back to the Superintendent.
- A community member asked if the Capital Improvements slide is in order of priority. Philip Cliff, Facilities Manager, explained that the priority was calculated from 1 – 3 on a scale of urgency. For example, a roof leak would become a priority 1 and the paving of the parking lot would be considered a priority 3. McAdam Elementary School priority would be the boiler. Philip will provide a cumulative cost of priorities but cannot give individual cost as this would have an impact on the competition process.
- A community member asked which 10 classrooms were determined as classrooms. Philip reviewed his chart and determined that there were 9 classrooms and the library which was considered a classrooms. The Superintendent will check as to why the Library was included in this report and he will make any necessary changes to the presentation if needed.
- A community member asked if the Harvey High School functional capacity could be included in the slide with the two elementary school scenarios. Also, how many classrooms were used at the Harvey High School? The Superintendent confirmed that there were 14 classrooms at Harvey High School and that a more detailed report will be provided prior to the second meeting.
- Ron Buck, District Education Councilor, asked what would be best for the students of McAdam Elementary School from the “what if’s” scenario presented; remain status quo, K-12 at McAdam High School, or close the school and bus students to the Harvey Elementary School. Ron spoke that he saw the third option to be unreasonable as the Harvey Elementary School would be very crowded with a 93% functional capacity. Ron continued to say that a motion can be brought forward at the next public meeting in October to remove this option.
- Kim Douglass, District Education Council Vice-Chair, asked if the community would rather for their children to attend an elementary school in another community or to remain in the community of McAdam. Although, Ron’s comments made sense to other Councilors, they would like to hear from the community. A survey will be provided for the community to respond.
- Don Doherty, community member requested to know the projected cost of the Harvey Elementary School and the McAdam High School scenarios if they were to be decided upon. David added that he will continue to build reports for the District Education Council and the next “what if’s” document will provide this information. This scenario would be similar to the move of Bath Elementary School to Bath Middle School.
- John Kilbride, community member requested to see the operational budget that the district receives from the Provincial Government that is disbursed and controlled by School Administration. In addition to this report, Mr. Kilbride would like to see a list of facilities cost, with breakdowns, of expenses for the Harvey and McAdam schools. Mr. Kilbride also noted that the Librarian’s salary was not included in the power point presentation. Mr. Kilbride attended the Harvey High School that was built in 1980 and operational in January 1981. Students that attended the new school needed to be waiting for the bus at 7:15 a.m. and they did not return home until after 4 p.m., which most likely would be the same today. Therefore a younger student would have a very long day. The Superintendent responded that if the Council ask him to eliminate the option for students to attend Harvey Elementary School, then he will add a note to the website regarding this decision.
- Frank Carroll, Mayor of McAdam recognized the MLA from St. Stephen, Mr. John Ames, being in attendance and thanked him for his support. Mr. Carroll acknowledged the comments during the meeting to be excellent and that he understood the response from the community was to keep the students in the

community of McAdam and not be bussed to Harvey. Mr. Carroll announced that a group had been established and that work has already started in preparation of the next meeting. In addition to this, a community meeting is soon forthcoming. Mr. Carroll thanked the Superintendent and district staff for their transparency and excellent presentation, as well as, the attendance of the District Education Council.

- John Ames, MLA thanked everyone for coming and for the presentation presented tonight.
- **Closing Comments:**
  - David asked if there were any other question to be clarified.
  - David reminded the public to be prepared for the next meeting in December by completing the Stakeholder Registration form, then forward to [carol.clark-caterini@gnb.ca](mailto:carol.clark-caterini@gnb.ca) a week in advance of the meeting with details of who will be presenting to the District Education Council. Information was provided on the screen for the public of who to contact. The power point presentation had been posted to the sustainability study website for McAdam Elementary School that evening.
- **Date for Next Meeting: Thursday, December 3, 2015 – Meeting # 2**
- **The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**