



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL

Sustainability Meeting #2 - Notes

Thursday, February 26, 2015

Stanley Elementary School & Stanley High School

Council Members Present:

- Sheila Gallagher – SD 01
- John Slipp – SD 03
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- David Bowen – SD 06
- Terry Pond – SD 07
- Ron Buck – SD 08
- Jane Buckley – SD 09
- Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Vice Chair
- Donald Gould – SD 11
- Mark Noël – SD 13 - Chair
- Tim Nicholas – First Nations

Council Member Regrets:

- Norma Shaw – SD 02
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Elizabeth Nason – SD 12

ASD-W Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC Secretary
- Ed Hogan, Assistant Transportation Manager
- Mark Manderson, Assistant Transportation Manager
- Daniel Wishart, Transportation Manager
- Shawn Tracey, DFA
- Philip Cliff, Facilities Manager
- Tanya Whitney, Director of Schools

Guests:

- Community

- Mark Noël welcomed everyone to the second Sustainability Meeting for Stanley Elementary and Stanley High School.
- The first community presentation was provided by Wendy Morell, PSSC Chair of Stanley Elementary School. This presentation outlined the benefits of keeping the primary level and high school students separate and their concerns of combining the two schools. John Slipp asked why she feels that she would not like her child to attend a K-12 school. Ms. Morell expressed that she would like to keep the two schools separate due to the close relationships built between administration, elementary teachers and other students. The Principal would not be able to teach the elementary students which helps in building closer relationships with them as they would need to be a full time Principal.
- Nola Carr, PSSC Chair of Stanley High School was the second presenter and her presentation was for the Stanley High School. Ms. Carr also spoke of the benefits of having the two schools kept separate and the concern of the elementary students being in the high school area.
- Mayor Foreman of Stanley provided his concerns with the separation of Stanley Elementary and Stanley High Schools. The Mayor made his recommendations for the Councilors to consider keeping status quo at the Stanley Elementary School and Stanley High School.
- Peter Fullarton provided the DEC with a presentation on the Stanley complex, outlining the loss of resources, capital costs to renovate, the potential negative impact of blending 5-18 year old students, the broad range for teaching and administration, teachers challenged to plan and teach a variety of subjects at different levels. Mr. Fullarton offered points to consider as ways to minimize cost such as maximizing the use of the facility consider students that transfer out of zone and review the current set boundaries. John

Slipp asked about the consolidation of schools and his reference to Hartland. Mr. Fullarton provided his reasoning for this reference.

- Thelma Green spoke about her concerns stemming from her observations and the lack of Guidance Counselors assigned to a small school as one person at Stanley is shared with students of K-12. Ms. Green indicated that the savings would amount to a cup of coffee per day per child. Ms. Green expressed concerns of bullying in the past when her child attended school, and what would it be like if elementary students were to visit the office located in the high school. Ms. Green supports the operation of two schools in Stanley and requests the DEC to consider the same. Ms. Green presented the District Education Councilors with a list of community names that have signed a petition against the combining of the two schools.
- Mr. Wuest provided an audio and video presentation with background information on the history of provincial decisions affecting education. History from 1987 for architectural work that was done on the Stanley complex and in 1991 the opening of the one complex. Mr. Wuest asked for comments to be given from the combined school Principals in NB and whether an architectural study will be done again on the changes proposed to consolidating the two schools, and why is this happening now?
- Community member Josh Dickinsin provided a presentation with current and future growths in the community of Stanley. This small community has many active community partners from all ages beginning with the young. Do Stanley Schools need to be named under a 409 study and are we following procedural guidelines with including these schools? A recommendation for changes to be made to Policy 409 was brought in during the time of School District 18. We are now in a much larger district with many additional schools, students and staff, so the question was asked if ASD-W was spread too thin and a decision made to consolidate/close schools to accommodate this decision made to make larger school districts in NB.
- Mr. Kirk MacDonald, MLA thanked the District Education Councilors, the community and staff for attending this meeting tonight. Mr. MacDonald reviewed the timing of the last meeting that was held the day after the Christmas lighting ceremony, the next meeting was cancelled twice due to poor weather, and now we are finally able to meet to continue this study. Mr. MacDonald referenced the sports in this community, the graduates of SHS that have gone on to become prominent citizens with successful careers, and the future resources from this driven area along with Bath and the Coles Island Schools. Previous studies have recommended that the Douglas School remain open until the school building was in a state of needed repair. Millville School was decided to remain open instead of consolidating with the Nacakawic schools.
- John Slipp asked if he could expand on the process and timeframe of future economic growth in Stanley. Ms. Arsenault suggested 6-12 months to provide an environmental study of the area before the next step of the project could be implemented. However the project is moving forward. Mr. MacDonald commented that this is significant resource that is not that far away from the ability to export.
- Mr. Noel reminded the community that these presentations were exceptional and hospitality was appreciated. These presentations will be saved on our website and if you do not want this made public, please make us aware.

Note: The presentations have been posted to the sustainability website for Stanley.