

**ANGLOPHONE SOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT (ASD-S)**  
**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting – February 20, 2019**

The District Education Council (DEC) for Anglophone South School District (ASD-S) met on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 490 Woodward Avenue, Saint John. The following Council members and staff were in attendance:

**Council Members:**

Rob Fowler, Chair; Roger Nesbitt, Vice Chair; Lory-Ann MacAskill, Wayne Spires, Dan O'Connor, Linda Sherbo, Heather Gillis, Justin Tinker

**Regrets:** Bernie Regenbogen, Larry Boudreau, Richard Malone

**ASD-S Staff:**

Zoë Watson, Superintendent; Jessica Hanlon, Director of Communications, Allan Davis, Director of Schools, Hampton Education Centre; Derek O'Brien, Director of Schools, St. Stephen Education Centre; Paul Smith, Director of Schools, Saint John Education Centre; Peter Smith, Director of Education Support Services; John MacDonald, Director of Finance & Administration; and Clare Murphy, Recording Secretary.

**1. Call to Order/Welcome/Regrets**

Mr. Fowler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and advised that Mr. Malone, Mr. Regenbogen and Mr. Boudreau had sent their regrets.

**2. Approvals**

**2.1 Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Fowler asked if there were no questions or concerns with the Agenda that a motion be put forward to approve. Mr. O'Connor moved to amend the motion and table item 5.1 Amendment to Policy 4.4 to the April meeting. There being no further questions or concerns, the amended agenda was then moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Spires. Motion carried.

**2.2 Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Fowler referred to the Minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting and asked that if there were no questions or concerns that a motion be put forward to approve. Ms. MacAskill moved that the Minutes be approved. Seconded by Mr. Tinker. Motion carried.

**2.3 Public Comment**

None.

### **3. Member's Notebook**

Ms. Gillis advised that she attended a couple of the high school open houses in Saint John and was concerned to learn that there is a lot of mis-information out in the public about the process and wondered what Council could do.

Mr. O'Connor reported that Dr. Chorney has been confirmed for April 4, 2019 to speak at Harbour View High School as part of the It Takes A Village series. His topic will be Social Media Meets Mental Health.

Ms. MacAskill advised that she attended the Dairy Town Classic event in Sussex in January and was happy to advise that the award for the male and female athlete of the games had been renamed to the "Rob Costello Sonic Award". Mr. Costello was a former Sussex Regional High School graduate and basketball player, and member of the Fredericton Police Force who was shot and killed in the summer of 2018.

Mr. Spires asked for a moment of silence in honour of St. Malachy's teacher Jared Holder, and student Zachary Shaw from St. George Elementary, who recently passed away.

### **4. Presentations**

#### **4.1 ENDS #1 – Positive, Safe, Inclusive Learning Environments**

Peter Smith, Director of Education Support Services was in attendance to present an update on Council's ENDS #1 - to provide positive, safe, healthy and inclusive learning and working environments for children, youth, and staff. The monitoring report was posted with Council's meeting materials for their review and forms part of these minutes.

He reviewed the highlights of the monitoring document for ENDS #1 which focused on strategies to expand Positive Behaviour Intervention and Supports (PBIS); enhance capacities of school based education support services teams, and to improve the quality of alternate education programs within ASD-S.

Ann Hogan and Roberta Stanton-Rousselle, ASD-S Healthy Learner Nurses, spoke to Council on the implementation of the updated Provincial Nutrition Policy 711; information provided to students, families and staff on cannabis; their review of concussion documents to streamline the process for schools and information and support provided to schools around health-related services; work done at middle and high school levels to train all students in how to use an epi-pen and our on-going partnership with the Sweet Caroline Foundation. The nurses also posted their monthly newsletters for elementary, and middle/high schools for Council to get an idea of the information provided to schools.

Comment was made that the PSSC Chairs should be informed of the updated/additional information added to the ASD-S website under Parent Resources. It was noted that Jessica Hanlon, Director of Communication will also assist in making the information more accessible to all via tweets.

Lynn MacDonald, International Student Coordinator, updated Council on the plans to increase international student enrolment in our schools; the implementation of the welcoming schools initiative and the support provided to all teachers and schools involved with the English Additional Language (EAL) students. She also advised that as of today, ASD-S has 1,158 active newcomers (this would be international students and newcomers here 5 years or less). This is the equivalent of 46 fte for ASD-S.

Mr. Fowler thanked all for their information presentation. He noted that going forward, staff will prepare a monitoring document for ENDS policies which will require a motion to accept/reject by Council. Mr. Fowler suggested we could go back and do a motion for ENDS #3 from the January meeting.

## **5. Business Arising from Minutes**

### **5.1 Tabled Item – Amendment to Policy 4.4**

The Agenda was amended by Council to table this item until the April 10, 2019 meeting.

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1 Executive Limitations Policies – Monitoring Reports**

Mrs. Watson reviewed for Council her monitoring documents for Executive Limitations policies 3.1 (Emergency Superintendent Succession); EL-3 (Staff Hiring) and EL-4 (Information and Reporting to Council) which were posted with Council's meeting materials for their review.

Following the presentation, Mr. Fowler asked that if there were no questions or concerns, that a motion be put forward to approve. Mr. Nesbitt moved that Council accept the three monitoring reports as presented. Seconded by Mr. Spires. Motion carried.

Mr. Fowler thanked Mrs. Watson for her reports.

### **6.2 Schools Not Visited by DEC**

As part of Council's governance policies (4.6), Mr. Fowler asked Council if there were any members who required assistance in getting to all of the schools in their subdistrict in order to ensure PSSC has DEC representation at their meetings. Some members expressed that one or two of their schools were difficult to attend due to their location and/or time of the day their PSSC meet; however, no members requested assistance.

## **7. Information Items**

### **7.1 Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Watson advised that her report was posted with their meeting materials for Council's review.

Mrs. Watson advised that Principals met today in the District Office and she shared with them the Crisis Event Response which provides information they require to support staff, students and families during a crisis or tragedy. She acknowledged that our schools often "step up to the plate" to assist other schools during such times.

Mrs. Watson advised that Colleen Sullivan, Principal at Glen Falls School, was recently named one of Canada's Outstanding Principals. She is the only NB recipient, and one of thirty across Canada. She will attend a workshop at the Rotman School of Management in Toronto, and Mrs. Watson and Paul Smith will attend the evening reception in Toronto on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed to send a letter to Ms. Sullivan congratulating her on this milestone award.

Mrs. Watson reminded Council that this weekend in the Saint John Education Centre is the Final 12 Basketball event at Harbour Station. Rothesay High School and Fundy Middle and High are participating.

### **7.2 Chair's Report and Update**

Mr. Fowler reminded Council that the Spring Symposium will be held in the Miramichi on the evening of Friday, May 10 and on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. This change in format will allow folks be home to celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. He noted that Stacey Brown, DEC Manager, will cover the cost of the first six PSSC attendees, and that Council would be required to cover the remainder. He felt it is important for Council to encourage their PSSC to attend this event. Mrs. Watson will send the invite to all PSSC Chairs who can then distribute the information to their committee members. Anyone wishing to attend, will be asked to register directly with Stacey Brown.

Mr. Fowler advised that minutes from the meeting of the Anglophone and Francophone Chairs would be forwarded to Council when they are received from Stacey Brown, DEC Manager.

### **7.3 Correspondence**

None. All correspondence was posted for Council's review.

## **8. Adjournment**

Mr. Fowler thanked all who attended this evening's Council meeting and reminded Council the next meeting will be held at 490 Woodward Avenue, Saint John on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rob Fowler, Chair

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Clare Murphy, Recording Secretary