



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, February 19, 2015
Townsvie School

Council Members Present:

- Sheila Gallagher – SD 01
- Norma Shaw – SD 02
- John Slipp – SD 03
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- 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
- Elizabeth Nason – SD 12
- Mark Noël – SD 13 - Chair
- Tim Nicholas – First Nations

Council Member Regrets:

- Andrew Corey – SD 05

ASD-W Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC Secretary
- Pat Thorne, Principal of Townsvie School

Guests:

- Media (1)
- Burton Elementary School PSSC Chair and Principal
- PSSC Chair – Townsvie School
- PSSC Chair – Woodstock Middle School

I. Call to Order / Comments by the Chair

- The District Education Council (DEC) Chair, Mark Noël called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the public meeting.
- David McTimoney, Superintendent introduced Pat Thorne, Principal of Townsvie School to the Councilors, Pat is a previous recipient of Canada's Outstanding Principal Award in 2014 and she has worked for many years in different roles in our system.
- Everyone thanked Pat for welcoming us to her school, being such a gracious hostess and for the school tour that was provided before the public meeting.
- Pat made the Councilors aware of a current Service Board Project at Townsvie School where all students have contributed in some way. Students of every grade level have helped someone else in various ways, such as; Kindergarten students packed shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, Grade 1 students are involved with Riverside, Grade 2 students visit Carleton Manor Seniors, Grade 3 students are involved with Big Brothers/Sisters and Mt. A. Global Bridges project, Grades 4 and 5 students are involved with assisting those disadvantaged in Haiti. Students have prepared a project board with pictures and write-ups of their involvement with each organization.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was approved with the correction of the spelling for ASD-W-CRS1 to reflect ASD-W-CSR1. This report, Council Self-Evaluation, was moved to the May Information Session. With this change, the agenda was approved by consensus.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- The January 22, 2015 minutes were approved by consensus with amendments to the following:
 - Under ASD-W-EL4 Budgeting/Forecasting (3rd Quarter Report) – last sentence of first bullet should read...Salary cost is the largest part of the budget and 13% covers everything else (maintenance, fuel, etc.) rather than replacement costs.
 - On page 2, under the motion, the paragraph with John Slipp asking the Council to consider the state of Bath Middle School with Bath Middle being the older of the two and the additional schools within a 9km radius.
 - The last sentence is to read....All were in Favor with one opposed (Donald Gould) who requested that this be recorded.
 - On page 2, change 7kms radius to reflect 9km radius.
 - On page 3, remove M/C at the end of the paragraph...a call was made for the February 12th ...
 - On page 3, the paragraph beginning with David Bowen requested to move the public DEC meeting location from Priestman Street School...remove John Slipp's name and indicate all were in favor of this change. Remove with none opposed, M/C
 - After this paragraph, Kimberley Douglass name needs to be spelled with two s'

IV. Presentation

- Kristen McMullen, PSSC Chair, from Burton Elementary School, provided Councilors with a power point presentation on the idea of a new school that would contain an Early Childhood Program and after school programs. With 2700 people that now live in the area, daycare is only offered in private homes or in the Town of Oromocto, approximately 15-20 minutes away. Kristen indicated that this nice, quiet community has grown by 10-20% in population with new subdivisions being developed in the area.
- Councilors asked several questions about the idea of a new school in the Burton Community. Sheila confirmed if the school capacity rate had changed from 68% since the last report, Don Gould asked what kind of research had been done for this presentation; John Slipp asked if they would consider housing Early Childhood students in the current building. However, the response was that the current building does not have enough additional space to house this program even with a 68% capacity rate. Kristen's research was provided through various sources such as Stats Canada.
- Elizabeth Nason asked if she felt that if they had childcare available in the community, would people return from the Oromocto schools to attend Burton Elementary School? Kristen felt confident that this would happen.
- David Bowen asked for clarification on the process for approving a new school and the closing of Burton Elementary School. Mark responded that we would have to approve a new school first and then add this request to the Major Capitol Construction Project. With reference to the Geary school there was no need for a 409 study as students were not moving and a school was not being closed. The Townsview School needed to have a 409 study as two schools were being closed.
- Don Gould requested to know if other schools in our district were housing children of the Early Childhood Program. David McTimoney responded that we did have four schools in our district that housed children enrolled in this program; Andover Elementary School, Bath Middle School, Centreville Community School, and Keswick Valley School.

- Sheila asked Kristen if students from K-2 were attending another school in the Town of Oromocto. Kristen responded that Grades 3-5 children were attending Hubbard Avenue School and that they have a bus ride from as early as 7 a.m. and as late as 4 p.m. returning home.
- Kristen responded to John Slipp's question requesting to know if an active committee was involved with this proposal. There once was a committee but leadership had changed and this committee has been non-active for the past year.
- Kristen reminded the Councilors that parents would be very happy if students could be provided with Early Childhood care in their community instead of travelling to the Town of Oromocto. The past five year studies have shown that between 23 and 29 students are bussed into Oromocto per year for the Kindergarten to grade 2 grades and between 40 and 50 students are bussed into Oromocto for grades 3 to 5.
- A final question was asked by Mark Noël as to why not move students into the Oromocto schools? Kristen responded that she has never seen a school that cares so much about the students and are truly doing a great job. Assessment reports have shown that students are doing well in this school and when they are identified as needing additional help, they are individually given this help when needed.

V. Business Arising from the Minutes

- There was no business arising from the minutes.

VI. Correspondence – Outgoing and Incoming

- A letter was received from Jeff Carr, MLA from New Maryland, with a copy to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, with respect to bus routes in Anglophone West School District. Mr. Carr was asking the Superintendent to re-visit bus loading points due to cold temperatures and the difficult winter we have had and if they could be changed and, if not, then consideration be given to change for at least r the winter months. Mr. Carr also made mention of some children having to walk 1.5 kms in the dark and cold to reach a bus stop. David has acknowledged receipt of this letter and has asked Shawn Tracey, DFA and Daniel Wishart, Transportation Manager for feedback on this subject. Once this information has been provided to David, he will respond to Mr. Carr's letter.
- David Bowen, asked if Mr. Carr was requesting additional bus stops in rural areas, and if so, what about students that walks in the city. David McTimoney confirmed from his letter that he has referred to all roads, including private roads, which is another set of regulations.
- Don Gould made a request for the Superintendent to take care of this request as it is not the position of the DEC to decide on bus routes and stops. If there was a change, Mark Noël had requested an update be given by the Superintendent to the DEC.
- David Bowen requested that what we do for one, we need to do for another. Sheila Gallagher suggested that we should consider the cold temperatures but also parents should be responsible for their children getting to and from bus stops. Ron Buck reminded the Committee that the Superintendent is responsible for maintaining a budget and it is his job to stay within that budget, if rules are being followed, then what is the problem. We understand that safety and cost are both factors and there has to be a certain amount of distance kept between one bus stop and another.
- A letter was received from Dr. K. Orlando on behalf of the Rotary Club requesting consideration be given to their recommendation of the Woodstock High School Theatre. It has been

recommended by the Rotary Club that the WHS Theatre be named with recognition given to the McCain Foundation gift.

- Councillor David Bowen quoted a District Education Policy that the naming of a school room needs to come from the Parent School Support Committee of the school and not the District Education Council. John Slipp informed the Councillors that the town of Woodstock was excited about this accomplishment at their school and this was a follow-up letter from the fundraising committee.

Motion

.....table this discussion to our next Public meeting (March 19th) to come back with clear information of guidelines and policies.

Moved: John Slipp

Seconded: Don Gould

Motion Carried

- David Bowen requested to amend this motion to include the funding amounts raised publically and all Provincial contributions made. John Slipp provided information that the Provincial Government provided funding for a third of this project as there was an agreement between the Federal Government, Provincial Government and Community to be shared three ways. A commitment of \$12M was needed. The Rotary Club felt that they could raise more money by offering to name the WHS Theatre, Civic Centre and Library to a local business that had contributed. John Slipp asked if there was a partnership agreement between the school and the Town of Woodstock and that he would follow-up with the encouragement to have a motion passed with the Parent School Support Committee. Policy ASD-W-GP8 was the policy quoted for the PSSC group to deal with this requests. Mark Noël requested Councillors to move along as the discussion was tabled.

VII. New Business

- Timeline was reviewed and changes were made to the schedule as follows:
 - Thursday, February 26th – Stanley Meeting #2
 - Saturday, February 28th – Coles Island School bus ride
 - Thursday, March 12th – focus on Sustainability Study only
 - Thursday, March 19th – Public Meeting #3 at Nashwaaksis Middle School
 - Thursday, March 26 – Bath Middle School– Public Meeting # 2
 - Thursday, April 9 – Fredericton – Working Session
 - April 16 – WEC – Fredericton - Working Session
 - Thursday, April 23rd – Public Meeting in Woodstock
 - Friday – Sunday, May 29th – May 31st - Spring Symposium – Delta Beausjour – Moncton
(A recommendation was made to encourage PSSC members to be a part of this committee as Elections are upcoming and Councillors are encouraged to think about their future plans as a Councillor).

- EECD will pay for all DEC members to attend this year's Spring Symposium in Moncton and an additional 6 PSSC members. Last year, any additional PSSC attendees were paid from the District Education Council budget.

MOTION

.....to financially support the sending of 6 additional PSSC members with the possibility to re-consider this number at a later date.

Moved: Ron Buck

Seconded: John Slipp

Motion Carried

- A question was asked on the motion by Councillor Don Gould to allow for a total of 14 PSSC members to attend the Spring Symposium as we have 14 DEC representatives. This request was denied but the motion was amended to financially support sending a total of 8 PSSC members. **All were in favour.**
- A request was made for Carol to send out the Spring Symposium invitation to all Principals in ASD-W with a request for a response to be given before the next DEC Meeting on Thursday, March 12th.
- Elizabeth reminded the Committee that the registration deadline was Friday, February 20th.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- David presented his Superintendent's report for **ASD-W-ER5 –Healthy Living, Nutrition and physical activity** as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is posted publically on the ASD-W website. We currently have Public Health involvement in 13 of our 19 High School settings. Our Director of Finance and Administration, Shawn Tracey, is involved with the cafeteria partnerships in our schools. As our current cafeteria provider is nearing their expiry date, a request for proposals has been requested.
- Our District website, under the parent tab, has much information on healthy learners in our schools.
- John Slipp requested to learn more about the mental health initiatives that was referenced in this report. The Councillors decided to have this topic added to a working session in April, 2015, after the Sustainability Studies were completed.
- A Provincial Cafeteria Committee was at one time suggested and John Slipp offered to be a part of this committee. However this never transpired. John requested to have the discussion of developing a Cafeteria Committee be discussed at a future meeting. Mark Noël agreed that this could be discussed at a future meeting under linkage.
- David McTimoney asked for clarification on how the Councillors would like to see this report presented. Would they prefer to see this reported as Policy 711? Sheila Gallagher suggested merging healthy eating together with mental health as they are linked together. Kim Douglass made the Councillors aware of a local food program at Ecole St. Anne that was very successful. David Bowen was aware of this program as it was presented to Fredericton High School last year. David Bowen would be happy to enlighten the Councillors about this presentation.

- Councillor David Bowen requested to discuss and clarify Policy 706, as Teachers and Administrations are not clear with procedures. David Bowen expressed parent concerns with some students attending public schools who are not immunized. The Superintendent advised the Councilors that Public Health Nurses visit our schools regularly to review student records. If they find a file that does not indicate proof of immunization, then the family is contacted to provide a copy of the immunization records or sign a form indicating their refusal to have their child immunized for various reasons. If an outbreak takes place in the school, that child would be exempted from school. In addition, all Administrators are instructed to follow the Education Act Policies. Pat Thorne confirmed that every fall, a Public Health Nurse would visit her school to review student records. If immunization records were omitted, contact would be made to families inviting them to a public meeting about immunization and offer their assistance, if needed. If Pat was asked how many students were not immunized in her school, she would not provide this information as instructed by the Superintendent as parents are only privy to their child's information.
- The Superintendent has added this as an additional agenda item for March 17th Principal's meeting.

IX. Committee Reports

- There were no committee reports to discuss.

X. Public Comment

- There were no public comments.

XI. Closing Comments:

- David McTimoney added that in January 2014, a request was made by the Burton Elementary School Principal to provide data reflecting the number of students in ASD-W that lived in the community of Burton with a Burton address. As a follow-up to this request, again in February 2015, this same data was shared with the Principal.

Date for Next Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2015 at Nashwaaksis Middle School

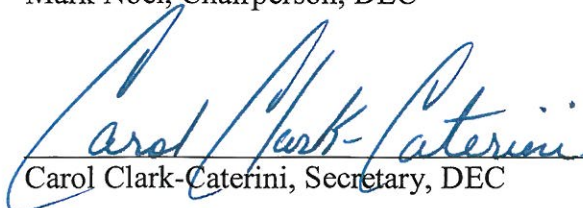
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.



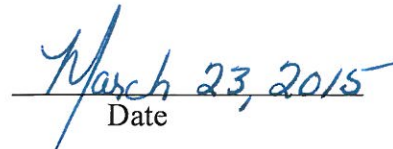
 Mark Noël, Chairperson, DEC



 Date



 Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC



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