

ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, November 20, 2014
Coles Island School

Council Members Present:

- Sheila Gallagher – SD 01
- Norma Shaw – SD 02
- John Slipp – SD 03
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- David Bowen – SD 06
- Vacant Position – 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:

ASD-W Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC Secretary
- Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Catherine Blaney, Director of Education and Support Services
- Rick Demmings, Director of Schools
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Philip Cliff, Facilities Manager
- Terri McKellar, Budget & Accounting Manager
- Daniel Wishart, Acting Transportation Manager
- Ed Hogan, Assistant Transportation Manager

Guests:

- Kynda Bryant, School Principal
- School Staff
- Members of the public in excess of 100

I. Call to Order / Comments by the Chair

- Mark Noël called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was approved by consensus.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- The October 23, 2014 minutes were approved by consensus with the following amendments; add under Approval of the Agenda that the election was moved to the end of the meeting. On page 3 of the minutes, amend the motion with... **Ron Buck proposed an amendment to the motion, which was seconded by David Bowen. An additional comment was added to this motion as follows... “to submit these names to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development with a request for the Minister to respond to this motion with urgency”.** Finally, on page 4 of the minutes – change the wording of “successor” to “only nominee” in the paragraph regarding the election.

IV. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Councilors David Bowen, Jane Buckley and Ron Buck have not confirmed a meeting date for the Fredericton PSSC Orientation. Date to follow.

V. Correspondence – Outgoing and Incoming

- There was no correspondence to discuss.

VI. New Business

- There was no new business to report.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- **ASD-W-ER2 – Academic Excellence** - The Superintendent presented his monitoring report on *DEC Policy ASD-W-ER2 Academic Excellence (DIP, Assessment Results)* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is posted publically on the ASD-W website.
- Dianne Kay updated the Councilors on recent Professional Development for Teachers with Sandra Herbst.
- ASD-W is the Report Card Pilot District in the Province of New Brunswick.
- Senior Management formally reviews schools in ASD-W during monthly meetings. Schools are reviewed on a 5 year cycle through a Provincial program. Teams are in place to support teachers by visiting schools and focusing on the Professional Growth Process.
- The Provincial Assessment Results for 2013-14 were reviewed with a necessity to focus on Grade 8 Numeracy. Councilors have a hard copy of the Assessment Results and the power point presentation is a published document. Grade 8 Numeracy results are for last year and these students are now in grade 9. Councilor David Bowen asked how the sampling was chosen and how accurate were the findings. Gina Dunnett expanded on this being a transition period to a new program and the Province is re-vamping the assessment program. The process is done at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development by selecting samples from a real class in a school, with a 20% sample from the Province and Districts. A reminder was given of this being only one piece of an assessment snapshot and the process continues to be reviewed by the Province which continues to find improvements. Grade 8 Math is a District issue. The Moncton Districts are conducting a study, focused on improving middle level math scores. However, we celebrate the Grade 9 ELPA in ASD-W as we continue to see improvements.
- This DEC Policy is reviewed twice a year, and Appendix E of report provides more details. David will provide a District Strategic Plan sub-section to the current District Improvement Plan to address low test scores. This report along with the District Improvement Plan will be a part of the May 2015 Monitoring Report by the Superintendent.
- Mark thanked David for providing this report to the District Education Council and noted that a motion was not necessary to approve the report. A consensus was given that this was a job well done by the Superintendent.
- **ASD-W-EL8 - Communication Report** – The Superintendent presented his monitoring report on *DEC Policy ASD-W-EL8 – Communication Report* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is posted publically on the ASD-W website.
- The Superintendent and his Executive Assistant work diligently to keep Councilors informed of media events and day to day communications on all necessary matters in Anglophone West School District. Since July 1, 2014 this communication report has, resulted in close to 200 e-mails documented as communications between the Superintendent, the Executive Assistant and Councilors.

VIII. Policy 322 – Inclusion Report (Special Report by Requests)

- Time did not allow for this report to be presented to the Councillors. Councillor Ron Buck requested a presentation on Policy 322 be provided at the next public meeting and that this presentation would also include statistics on the number of students in ASD-W, with Individual Education Plans (IEP), Individual Behavior Plans (IBP) and Specialized Education Plans (SEP).

Motion

.....to adjust the report that was prepared for tonight and provide additional information on the number of students on IEPs, IBPs, and SEPs.

Moved: John Slipp

Seconded: Kimberley Douglas

Motion Carried

IX. Committee Reports

- There were no committee reports to discuss.

X. Public Comments

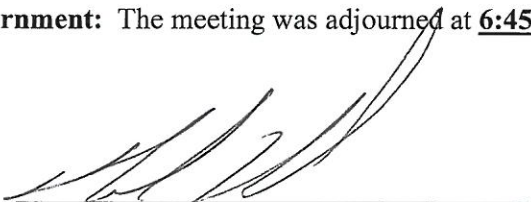
- There were no public comments

XI. Closing Comments:

- Mark thanked those in the audience for attending and that the District Education Council would adjourn for a short 15 minute break before the Public Meeting on the Sustainability Study of Coles Island School begins at 7:00 p.m.

Date for Next Meeting: Thursday, December 11, 2014 – Bath Middle School

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at **6:45 p.m.**



Mark Noel, Chairperson, DEC

Dec 11 2014
Date



Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC

Dec 12 2014
Date