



**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 23, 2017
Fredericton Education Centre**

Council Members Present:

- Andy Saunders – SD 02
- Heather Hogan – SD 03
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- Stephanie Haslam – SD 06
- Terry Pond – SD 07
- Sean Winslow – SD 08
- Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair
- Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Chair
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11
- Wallace Carr – SD 12
- Mark Noël – SD 13
- Darrah Beaver – First Nations

Council Member Regrets:

- Sheila Gallagher – SD 01

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Rick Demmings, Director of Schools – OEC
- Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Karen Morton, Director of Human Resources
- Jason Humprey, Director of Communications
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and District Education Council

Guests:

- Media (1)
- Members of the public (2)
- Stacey Brown, EECD

Vacancies:

- Vacant – Student Representative

Call to Order / Comments by the Chair

- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the public meeting at the Fredericton Education Centre. Kimberley also acknowledged that we were meeting on unceded Woolastook territory in recognition of our work with indigenous partners. A welcome was given to our newest councilor, Darrah Beaver representing the First Nation Communities in Anglophone West School District.

Approval of the Agenda – February 23, 2017

- The agenda was approved by consensus with the removal of the Gagetown Community School under Correspondence and an update on the naming of the Carleton North High School was added under New Business.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – January 26, 2017

- The January 26, 2017 minutes were approved by consensus.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- An invitation was received to forward one person's name from all 4 Anglophone District that is interested in being selected to participate in a French Immersion Committee.

Motion

.....I move to forward Jane Buckley's name.

Moved: Terry Pond

Seconded: Heather Hogan

Motion Carried

- An update on the Early French Immersion registration data was provided by the Superintendent for Grade 1, Grade 3 and Grade 6 entry period in Anglophone West School District. A discussion shared that registrations have been collected and continue to be monitored, the locations chosen to offer the French Immersion Program needed to have class sizes that are traditional regular class sizes, a list of ASD-W schools has been prepared that will house the French Immersion Program, and School Principals have been informed. We are now in the process of advising families of the outcome. We are also in the process of hiring French Immersion teachers for ASD-W. The Superintendent recognized the dedication and hard work of Dianne Kay, Amanda Desveaux, Janice Gagnon, Ann Manderson and Janice Webber with this project. It was noted that movement will be seen with staffing and the NBTA Collective Agreements will be followed. The number of English teachers that potentially may lose their position cannot be identified at this time as the month of April and May is when we are

focused on the staffing placements. It was also noted that some schools that have not had an opportunity to offer the French Immersion Program will now have this opportunity.

New Business

- Councilor Wallace Carr provided a report on a recent Literacy Consultation Conference that he had attended on February 22, 2017. This conference included a New Brunswick Comprehensive Literacy Strategy that was led by Minister Rogers, as she has the Literacy portfolio. Minister Rogers's vision included; families, jobs and education.
- The Superintendent and Councilor Stephanie Haslam attended the Parent School Support Committee meeting at Kingsclear Consolidated School. This school has been chosen for a sustainability study under Policy 409 as their enrolment was less than 100 students. Councilor Stephanie Haslam reported the outcome of this meeting and forwarded the following motion:

Motion

.....On behalf of the Parent School Support Committee, I move to delay the sustainability study of Kingsclear Consolidated School to be consistent with the triggered schools and the timeline laid out in Policy 409. The process would be initiated in May 2017, with meetings in the fall of 2017, and a decision in January 2018.

I make this motion on two grounds:

- 1. The process for the current sustainability study is unfair, as it is a rushed compared to triggered schools, it is taking place at a time when KCS does not have a Principal, and as a result, it does not give the KCS reasonable opportunity for engagement.**
- 2. Delaying the study until September 2017 is in the best interests of the children at KCS.**

Moved: Stephanie Haslam

Seconded: Andy Saunders

Motion Defeated

- A discussion followed with Councilors not supporting the motion. Councilor Jane Buckley, Vice Chair added that this was a trigger school and just because we were having a study did not mean that the school was going to close as one of three outcomes will occur; status quo, financial investment or closure. In addition to this, the study now fit in the District Education Council's timeline.
- Councilor Mark Noël added that this sustainability study was in support of a new school in the Hanwell area. We told the Province that we want a new school in Hanwell and by carrying out this study now is a benefit rather than in the fall when we will have more schools to study.
- Councilor Haslam's final comments were that this would be a reprieve for the staff and students of Kingsclear Consolidated School.

ACTION: Councilor Haslam will make a motion at a later date for the location of the final sustainability study meeting to be held at the school.

- The Superintendent acknowledged the four Directors in attendance. A warm welcome to Rick Demmings who is three days away from his retirement, was also offered.

Curricular / Presentation

- A presentation was provided by Subject Coordinators Andrea Penney, Jon Hoyt-Hallett, Ross Campbell, Bryan Facey and Leads Joe Crossland and Beth Crawford from their recent visit to St. Mary's Academy in Edmundston where they spent three days working with students and staff exploring Visual Journaling, Science, Phys. Ed, Art and Shop/Technology. A video of their work was shown to the Council.
- The model is prepared and Formative Assessments (Literacy, Numeracy, etc.) were discussed. The benefit of this model is that teachers can now learn from this video on professional development days. It was recommended that this three day event be made available to all High Schools in ASD-W as this is very rewarding for both the

students and teachers. **ACTION:** The team will continue to modeling this workshop with a lead teachers and visiting additional high school.

Superintendent Monitoring Report

- **ASD-W-ER5: Healthy Living, Nutrition, and Physical Activity** - the Superintendent presented a report called **ASD-W-ER5: Healthy Living, Nutrition, and Physical Activity** as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. Recognition was given to Roberta Knox, Ross Campbell and Dianne Kay for their assistance with this report. The Superintendent made the committee aware that Policy 711 on Nutrition was a Provincial Policy and that we were waiting for a revision to be made to this policy by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. At this time, we are uncertain if parents/students will be involved with the revision of this policy. The Superintendent reported that incomplete immunization records have decreased this year from previous years and if an outbreak should occur, students may be asked to remain at home until the outbreak has cleared. The tracking of immunization records have improved from previous years.
- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson reminded the Council to review the Council Self Regulations ASD-W-CSR1 to ASD-W-CSR6 – Council Self Evaluation as the Annual Planning Cycle identifies February for this to be done.

Committee Reports:

- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson reported that a meeting has not taken place to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent, however, this will be done and a report will be provided in the month of April.
- The Governance Model Committee is expected to report at the working meeting in April.

Correspondence

- There was no correspondence to discuss.

Public Comments

- Darren McKenzie would have liked to hear the Kingsclear Consolidated Parent School Support Chairperson speak at this meeting, however, she had left prior to the end of the meeting. The Chairperson added that public comments is allowed only at the end of the meeting.
- Stacey Brown provided a reminder of the upcoming Spring Symposium for District Education Councils and representatives from Parent School Support Committees. This professional development weekend will be held at the Saint John Delta on May 5th – 7th. **ACTION:** District Education Councilor are to make their Parent School Support Committees aware of this event and report back to the committee of who will be attending. A guest list will then be provided to Stacey Brown.

Closing Comments

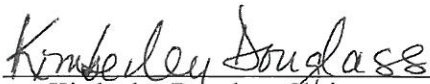
- Chairperson Kimberley Douglass thanked the public for attending tonight’s meeting, as well as the district office staff for their attendance and their assistance with tonight’s presentations.

Date for Next Public Meeting

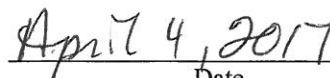
- March 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fredericton Education Centre

Adjournment

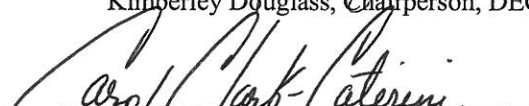
- The public meeting adjourned at **8:10 p.m.** Counsellor Mark Noël motioned to adjourn.




Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC



Date



Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC



Date