



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

**Thursday, October 27, 2016
Fredericton Education Centre**

Council Members Present:

- Sheila Gallagher – SD 01
- 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

Council Member Regrets:

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and DEC Secretary

Guests:

- Media (1)
- Members of the public (2)

Vacancies:

- Vacant – First Nations
- Vacant – Student Representative

Call to Order / Comments by the Chair

- Kimberley Douglass, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the public meeting at the Fredericton Education Centre. Introductions were provided.

Approval of the Agenda – October 27, 2016

- A request for someone to serve on an appeal board for teacher certification was added to the agenda. With this change, the agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - September 22, 2016

- The minutes were approved by consensus.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- The Ernst & Young Report on South Side Schools presentation from Monday night (October 24) was reviewed including the series of recommendations; building of a K-8 school in the Hanwell area, the building of a K-5 school in the Skyline Acres area, the re-zoning of boundaries for Montgomery Street Elementary School and Connaught Street Elementary School with grades at both schools changing to create a K-2 (MSES) and 3-5 (CSES) and, finally, the potential for a new school on the southside of Fredericton in the years ahead.

Motion:

.... I move to update the “Multi-Year School Infrastructure List” to have a new school built in Hanwell, based on section 6.2 of Policy 409. This should include accelerating the results of the Hanwell study from the 2017-2018 Major Capital List into an amended 2016-2017 Major Capital List and have it be placed at the same priority as the skilled trades addition that was motioned and passed for Leo Hayes High School.

A discussion followed, with an explanation of the approved projects going through the EECD rating process.

Moved: Stephanie Haslam

Seconded: Mark Noël

Motion Carried as Amended

.....to amend this motion to make the building of a new school in the Hanwell area to a #2 priority if EECD allowed this to be a late submission. The building of a new school in the Hanwell area would follow the expansion of LHHS and be placed before the expansion of Connaught Street School.

The Chair added that the Major Capital Projects decision of order was made last year and the review of the list is needed.

Moved: Jane Buckley

Seconded: Andrew Corey

Amendment Carried

- **PSSC Orientation Training** – a report of the training session being held at Gibson Neill Memorial Elementary School in Fredericton on October 20th at 6:30 p.m. and facilitated by Councilor Jane Buckley. Approximately 13 members from the public attended and felt that the meeting went well. Councilor Andy Saunders reported on the Carleton North High School session on October 25th at 6:30 p.m. as also going well also.
- Chair welcomed and recognized Stacey Brown in attendance and reminded Council of her role as DEC Manager.

New Business

- Return of French Immersion to Grade 1. Councilor Jane Buckley read the letter that had been prepared for the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Motion:

.....that the following letter be sent to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development on behalf of ASD-W District Education Council.

Moved by: Jane Buckley

Seconded by: Sheila Gallagher

Motion Carried

Discussion – Mark Noel expressed disappointment of this being a political move and the entry point can change often. Provincial Policy 309, section 6.4, where the class size being comparable to the English class as a suggestion of when it would be offered. We look forward to learning more about this announcement and the conversations have started. Councilor Faith Kennedy asked how many students will be transported from a rural area and that this announcement had really stirred-up small communities that she represents.

Discussion on Implementation; grade 3 will be offered for 2 more years and grand-fathered out of the system. Students currently in grade 1 and 2 will receive the opportunity to enroll in the FI Program. Councilor Hogan asked about the hiring of FI teachers and the current shortage. The Superintendent committed that he will work hard to find replacement teachers by starting early and working with his team. Councilor Kennedy asked if students in K and 1 parents should be approached about this entry point. The Superintendent added that parents should think this through and all entry points will provide further competency in French. As more time goes on, Principals and families will learn more about this program. There will be information sessions for the public. Resources and training will be provided for new grade 1 FI teachers prior to this year finishing. Every year teachers can participate in training to increase their level of proficiency.

Superintendent Monitoring Report

- **ASD-W-EL4: Budgeting/Forecasting** - the Superintendent presented a report called *ASD-W-EL4: Budgeting/Forecasting* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. Two appendices were included with this report and Director of Finance, Shawn Tracey, provided an explanation. Areas to watch closely are supply teacher and Educational Assistant replacements, heating fuel, natural gas and electricity, minor repairs. A graph was shown on how money was dispersed. The DEC Budget for 2016-17 is \$50 000.00. To date \$13 368.13 has been spent.
- Councillor Sean Winslow asked why the technology line has been reduced. Shawn explained that journal entries have not occurred yet and we will need to move some funds around within the global budget. The third quarter report will reflect this item balanced. Councillor Mark Noel asked why the total school management and support line is relatively still large and not spent. Shawn explained that the majority of this account has vacancies that have not been filled for positions and programs are funded higher than what we have in the field of community schools program. A question was asked if we would receive additional Capital Improvement funds. Shawn responded that we would not but that projects would be pushed down based on urgency. Speech Language Pathologists and Psychologists are funded through our budget and at this time, we have been unsuccessful in hiring these professionals but the funds transferred to Educational Service's needs. Councillor Winslow asked about the facilities expenses being higher from Sept. – March, with an explanation of a longer period of the year and the winter month's costs. Councillor Hogan asked if the new schools in Woodstock with wood pellets are efficient systems and a new trend for future schools. Shawn acknowledged that the savings of the pellet system was transferred to the oil expenses. A detailed study has not been done at this time.
- Mark asked if DEC Policy ASD-W-EL4 being in October was a good time to report. Future reports are on January 26-17, March 23-17 and June 8-17. A motion to change EL4 from September to October was moved as follows.

Motion

.....to move the report policy ASD-W-EL4 from September to October in the Annual Planning Cycle.

Moved by Mark Noel

Seconded by Sheila Gallagher

Motion Carried

Motion:

....to approve the 2nd Quarter Budget Report that was presented by Shawn Tracey to be accepted.

Moved by Wallace Carr

Seconded by Terry Pond

Motion Carried

- **ASD-W-EL8: Communication to Council** - the Superintendent presented a report called *ASD-W-EL8: Communication to Council* as per the Annual Planning Cycle. This report is also posted publically on the ASD-W website. A recommendation was made by Councillor Mark Noel for the Superintendent to make them aware when a request is his job and not theirs. In addition, the Superintendent was complimented on doing a very good job with keeping the Council informed.

Motion

.....to move the monitoring report ASD-W-EL8 from November to October in the Annual Planning Cycle.

Moved by Sheila Gallagher

Seconded by Sean Winslow

Motion Carried

Correspondence

- Communication has occurred with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development asking if he is prepared to make an appointment of our First Nation representative.
- Letter from FHS to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development seeking permission to serve tea and coffee in their cafeteria. Policy 711 speaks to food and beverages not being served as they are of minimal nutritional value. This falls within this category.
- A request from EECD to sit on the Appeal Board of Teachers Certification for those appealing the denial of certification. A vote followed with Councillors Terry Pond and Sean Winslow interested. Terry Pond was chosen as the representative for ASD-W.

Public Comments

- Hanwell Road Deputy Mayor, Mr. Darren McKenzie – offered thanks for passing of motion of Hanwell School.

Closing Comments

- Chair Kimberley Douglass thanked everyone for attending tonight and that there is an information session for Councilors next week at the Fredericton Educational Centre. The MLA Invitational is on November 15th.
- A motion to destroy the ballets was made by Jane Buckley.

Date for Next Public Meeting - Thursday, November 24th, 6:30 p.m. at the Woodstock Education Centre

Adjournment - The public meeting was motioned to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. by Counsellor Wallace Carr

Kimberley Douglass
 Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

Dec 8, 2016
 Date

Carol Clark-Caterini
 Carol Clark-Caterini, Secretary, DEC

Dec 15, 2016
 Date