



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL

Best Western Plus
Woodstock, NB

Public Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 26, 2020

Council Members Present:

- Tanya Adams – SD 01 - Virtual
- Andy Saunders – SD 02
- Heather Hogan – SD 03
- Miriam Grant – SD 04
- Andrew Corey – SD 05
- Laura O'Brien – SD 06 - Virtual
- Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair/Acting Chair
- Kimberley Douglass – SD 10 – Chair - Virtual
- Faith Kennedy – SD 11 - Virtual
- Wallace Carr – SD 12
- Thomas Geburt – SD 13
- David Perley - First Nations - Virtual

Council Member Regrets:

- Sean Winslow – SD 08

ASD-W District Staff Present:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent
- Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & DEC
- Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools – FEC
- Susan Young, Data and Accountability Supervisor
- Janice Gagnon, French Immersion Subject Coordinator
- Mike White, Information Technology II

Vacancies:

- Vacant – Sub-district 7

Guests

- Media (1)

Call to Order / Comments by the Chair:

- Jane Buckley, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at **6:30 PM**. Councillor Perley acknowledged that this meeting was held on the unceded and unsundered territory of the Wolastoqiyik people. Councillor Perley's acknowledgement was given in both his English and his Wolastoqey language.

Approval of the Agenda – November 26, 2020:

- The agenda was reviewed by the Council. Councillor Hogan requested to add an update from the Provincial Curriculum Committee under Committee Reports and Councillor Buckley added meeting platform for public meetings under New Business. With these additions, the agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes – October 29, 2020:

- Councillors had previously reviewed the last public meeting minutes and approval was given by consensus.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- David McTimoney, Superintendent, reviewed an ASD-W Teacher Resource Site report that had been prepared by Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum & Instruction. This report reflected an analysis from 69 schools and 1700 teachers, who have visited the site since it was created 90 days ago, a total of 51,461 times.
- District Education Council Sub-district 7 seat remains vacant. This sub-district encompasses the communities of Forest Hill Elementary School, Bliss Carman Middle School, Liverpool Street Elementary School, Montgomery Street Elementary School, George Street Middle School and New Maryland Elementary School. A call for a replacement Councillor had been given to the members of the public and Parent School Support Committees (PSSC) through the schools on a couple of occasions but without success in securing someone.

The Municipal elections are expected to occur in May 2021 and until then, the Council has determined that they have exhausted their attempts in finding a replacement for Sub-district 7 and proclaiming this seat to be vacant until the upcoming election in the new year.

- PSSC Orientations – Some time ago the DEC Manager shared a PSSC presentation, that had been prepared at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, with Councillors. **ACTION:** The Council requested that the Superintendent share this PowerPoint presentation with School Administrators and if the Council was interested, a recommendation was made for a short video be made by Councillors for future PSSC Orientations.

New Business:

- Acting Chairperson Jane Buckley recognized that Public Health Zone 3 was returning to the Orange COVID Recovery Action Phase at midnight. This zone encompasses the Fredericton and Woodstock areas where public District Education Council meetings are held, therefore, with this recent announcement, she was recommending that the upcoming December 10th meeting and future public meetings be held virtually until further notice.

MOTION:

..... to make the December 10, 2020 public DEC Meeting and any future public meetings virtual until New Brunswick zones are out of the orange phase.

MOVED BY: Miriam Grant

SECONDED BY: Heather Winslow

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations:

Curriculum & Program Presentation: French Second Language

- Janice Gagnon provided Councillors with an iPad for an interactive French Second Language activity called FLORA (French Second Language Opportunities for Rural Areas). Councillors were able to navigate through the FLORA app that began as a Provincial Pilot Program for K-3 students that is now shared worldwide. This Literacy based app allows students to learn the French language from a at home setting. FLORA can be accessed at <https://flora.nbed.nb.ca/>

Circle of Understanding – Truth & Reconciliation Committee (TRC) Calls to Action

- David Perley, First Nations Councillor, provided a presentation on TRC Calls to Action. This presentation is saved on ASD-W website and on the DEC Portal.

Correspondence – Outgoing and Incoming:

- There was no correspondence to report.

Superintendent Monitoring Reports:

- **ASD-W-ER2.1: Academic Excellence** – The Superintendent presented a report called *ASD-W-ER2.1: Academic Excellence* as per the annual Planning Cycle. This report is presented one time per year and is posted publicly on the ASD-W website and the DEC Portal. **ACTION:** Councillor Saunders requested for a measurement of success to be provided on how we are improving student learning with the use of technology tools.
- Councillor Perley asked if the report identified the successes of First Nations students. The Superintendent responded that this report had not measured the success of Indigenous students verses non-indigenous students' trend over several years, however, a more detailed analysis can be gathered from the On-reserve nominal role and based on the Grade 9 English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA). **ACTION:** Councillor Saunders requested the policy be revised to embed Indigenous students' academic excellence. The Superintendent will provide a report with the academic successes of Indigenous students.
- Councillor O'Brien asked if the comment section of the high school level report cards could be modified. The Superintendent informed the Council that this was a provincial report and that we are not able to adjust codes. However, parent/guardians could learn more about the progress of their child by communicating with the classroom teachers.

Committee Reports:

- **Awards Committee:** Councillor Geburt informed the Council that a committee meeting was held on November 6th and three selections were made for this prestigious award. All nominations were excellent but only three were nominations were to be chosen for Anglophone West School District. These names and committee write-up's have been forwarded to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for a recognition ceremony.
- **Student Voice:** Councillor Carr informed the Council of 13 student committee members representing 10 schools have been established for this school year. Recruitment is ongoing with hopes of additional students being added.
- **Provincial Curriculum Meeting** – Councillor Hogan reported to have attended a virtual Provincial Curriculum meeting where she learned work is being done to review the Literacy Curriculum by those that are most knowledgeable in this subject matter.

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Closing Comments:

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for their involvement in the meeting and the district office staff that were in attendance.
- **ACTION:** Councillor Perley was asked to notify Tobique First Nations of the District Education Council's absence on Thursday, December 10th. However, when the Council can meet in person again, a meeting will be held in their community.
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Date of Next Public Meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2020 - Virtual Teams Platform

MOTION:

.... I move that the District Education Council meeting be adjourned.

MOVED BY: Miriam Grant

MOTION CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Kimberley Douglass

December 10, 2020

Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

Date

Carol Clark-Caterini

December 10, 2020

Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant, DEC

Date