



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

**Thursday, November 21, 2019
Woodstock Education Centre**

<p>Council Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tanya Adams – SD 01• Andy Saunders – SD 02• Heather Hogan – SD 03• Miriam Grant – SD 04• Andrew Corey – SD 05• Laura O'Brien – SD 06• Kimberley Douglas – SD 10 – Chair• Wallace Carr – SD 12• Thomas Geburt – SD 13 <p>Council Member Regrets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sean Winslow – SD 08• Jane Buckley – SD 09 – Vice Chair• Faith Kennedy – SD 11• David Perley – First Nations	<p>ASD-W District Staff Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David McTimoney, Superintendent• Dianne Kay, Director of Curriculum & Instruction• Jay Colpitts, Director of Schools• Karen Morton, Director of Human Resources• Judy Cole, Director of Communications• Susan Young, Data and Accountability Supervisor• Jon Hoyt-Hallett, Science Subject Coordinator (K-12)• Lisa Greene, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Schools <p>Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Media (1) <p>Vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vacant – Sub-district 7• Vacant – Student Representative
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Call to Order / Comments by the Chair:

- Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at **6:36 p.m.**, and she welcomed everyone to the District Education Council meeting in Woodstock. The Chairperson recognized that this meeting was held on unceded and unsurrendered Wolastoqiyik territory.

Approval of the Agenda – November 21, 2019:

- The agenda was reviewed by the Council. The Town Hall Transportation meeting was added under New Business. With this addition the agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes – October 24, 2019:

- The October 24th minutes were reviewed by Council. One error was noted in the Council attendance. Miriam Grant was shown as in attendance but was absent from this meeting that was held in Fredericton. With this correction, the minutes were approved by consensus.

In-camera Session:

MOTION:

..... I move that the Council move to an in-camera meeting.

MOVED BY: Miriam Grant SECONDED BY: Heather Hogan MOTION CARRIED

- Kimberley Douglass reported that during the “In-camera” meeting, a motion was made and approved for David McTimoney to be renewed in a new five-year contract as Superintendent in Anglophone West School District. This appointment would commence on **July 1, 2020** and end no later than **June 30, 2025**.
- David McTimoney expressed his gratitude to the Council for bringing this motion forward at this time and for their approval for him to remain in this leadership position. David McTimoney acknowledged exciting times were forthcoming over the next couple of years in Education. David McTimoney expressed his appreciation for this vote of confidence, and he thanked the Council for their support. David McTimoney accepted his third 5-year contract as Superintendent in Anglophone West School District.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **DEC Vacancy in Sub-district 7** - Currently there have been no interested candidates to fill this vacant position. Due to the short period of time before the municipal and DEC elections, the Council will reach out to the PSSC's in Sub-

- **Town Hall Meeting on Transportation** - David McTimoney reported the first of three public Town Hall meetings regarding transportation will occur on **Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at Nashwaaksis Middle School from 6:30-8:30 pm**. The format is as follows. Initially the superintendent will provide a presentation on the dynamics of transportation within the school system. Then there will be three rounds of 15-minute discussions on five topics- financial considerations, transportation technology, storm days, catchment areas, policies & procedures. Finally, there will be a wrap-up and final summary. The presentation and notes will be posted to the AWSD website. A report will be provided to the DEC at a future meeting.

Presentation:

- **Curricular and Program Presentation** – Jon Hoyt-Hallett, Subject Coordinator for Science, provided an interactive presentation, entitled “Science Literacy: A Pedagogical Shift”. He indicated the journey began four years ago with the introduction of a spotlight on science skills document by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. At that time a shift began from a knowledge-based science curriculum to one which is a student centered, hands-on, inquiry and skills-based approach. DEC members were invited to participate in a “mystery tube” exploration. A challenge was issued to the participants to identify what the tube looks like on the inside. Next month, the curricular focus will be literacy.

Correspondence:

- No correspondence to report.

Superintendent Monitoring Reports:

- **ASD-W ER2.1 – Academic Excellence** – This policy calls for an inclusive student and teacher learning environment, which empowers students to be responsible for their learning. It promotes lifelong learning and working pursuits, as well as academic and teaching excellence in a variety of subject areas. Research indicates students must develop skills which allows them to adapt to a rapidly changing environment. Students may enter into careers which may have not been developed yet. Critical thinking is important for students to evaluate and articulate what and why they are learning, as well as what to do next. This is called “assessment capable” learners. This is year three of a three-year District Improvement Plan. Collective teacher working and planning will improve student outcomes. Teachers also want to ensure students have opportunities to pursue their passions, so they feel connected to school. The district wants learning to be extended outside the classroom setting. There are a variety of policies, i.e. Gifted and Talented Learners that relate to academic excellence. We need to invest in competent teachers. Data is collected to hear the voice of students and how we are doing as a district. Provincial assessment results are available for grade 4, 6, 9 and 10. Data is available to compare our district against other districts, to identify trends and areas for improvement. Additionally, school-based report card results can be equally or more important to provide a snapshot of our system and guide where we need to focus our energy for improvement. Our student database allows the district to organize the data historically to describe the success of students. There is also PISA data available for comparative purposes with new results to be released soon. The New Brunswick Global Competencies poster identifies six key areas for learners. These are discussed daily in schools and used in planning lessons within the district. In summary, the superintendent reported compliance with this monitoring report.

Committee Reports:

- **Recognition of the Minister’s Excellence in Education Awards**-The DEC chairperson reported the awards were held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the Crown Plaza in Fredericton. There were three stellar recipients-Ginger Carson, Sheila Morgan & Alice Sewell. This group is a fantastic example of the educators we have in schools across the district. It was also noted that the recipients of these awards have strong administration behind them, and they are a credit to everyone in the district.
- **NB Student Leadership Conference 2019**- It was not on the agenda but was briefly summarized by Mr. Carr with permission. He indicated that approximately 50 students attended from ASD-W. The students identified concerns regarding a consistent grading system based on percentages, rural schools and lack of access to courses, lack of free public Wi-Fi in some areas of the province, vaping, and ratio of students to guidance counsellor for course selection. Natasha Spencer also attended the conference on behalf of the school district and collected data. There will be a more formal report next meeting from Wallace Carr. It was noted an article has been posted on the ASD-W website. Several students who attended the Student Leadership Conference expressed interest in the DEC Student Voice Committee. A date for the Student Voice Committee meeting is undetermined at this time.

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Closing Comments:

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date of Next Public Meeting:

- The next public meeting will be held on December 12, 2019 at the Fredericton Education Centre.

MOTION:

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

MOVED BY: Andy Saunders

MOTION CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Kimberley Douglass
Kimberley Douglass, Chairperson, DEC

Dec 12, 2019
Date

Lisa Greene
Lisa Greene, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Schools

December 19, 2019
Date