



MINUTES

DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL ANGLOPHONE EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

The business meeting of the District Education Council, Anglophone East School District, was held virtually and live streamed on November 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

DOYLE, HARRY, CHAIR
HEBBLETHWAITE, IAN, VICE-CHAIR
FOLKINS, MICHELLE
MACDONALD, DUANE
MORTON, ALEX
OWEN, MARK
PLETZ, RACHEL
VAUTOUR, DOMINIC
FRASER, BERGEN

WILSON, PAMELA, ACTING SUPERINTENDENT
KINGSTON, DENISE, COUNCIL SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harry Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Ian Hebblethwaite, seconded by Michelle Folkins to approve the Agenda.

Motion Carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest was declared.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2021 MINUTES

The Chair called for the approved of the Minutes of October 19, 2021.

Moved by Ian Hebblethwaite , seconded by Dominic Vautour to approve the Minutes of October 19, 2021.

Motion carried.

The meeting then proceeded to scheduled presentations:

Presentation: Bridging Schools and Community to Support Youth

Kim Oakley, Acting Director of Education Support Services and Heather Story, Community Response Coordinator presented a power point titled “Bridging Schools and Community to Support Youth” highlighting the various programs and services in place for students of Anglophone East School District within the District, Schools, and the Community.

Multi-infrastructure Planning

Aubrey Kirkpatrick, Director of Finance and Administration introduced Kevin Doucette, of Ernst and Young, who reviewed a Multi-Year Infrastructure Planning Study. These studies are done to set out various options and scenarios to consider when planning for long-term infrastructure projects.

The meeting then adjourned for a break.

MEMBER UPDATES

- Michelle Folkins attended the Port Elgin PSSC meeting. She noted that all students are back now after the strike. Virtual learning was discussed, and member Folkins enquired what worked and what didn't regarding distance learning. Pamela Wilson noted that this is something that is a focus of discussion both at the District and Provincial level and she advised that the District Curriculum team is spending much time working on Professional Learning for teachers regarding this.
- Dominic Vautour attended the Port Elgin PSSC meeting with Michelle Folkins. He also attended to PSSC meetings at his schools-
Birchmount School- this meeting was pre-strike. There had been 6 operational days at this point and rapid testing was going well. Concern was expressed regarding Trespassing on school property.
Mountain View School – The PSSC is looking for updates on request for new school.
- Duane MacDonald attended three PSSC meetings –
Claude D. Taylor School – The PSSC is pleased with the upgrades to the grounds such as fencing and the 18-hole disc golf course. Property damage complaints were discussed. It was noted that this enrollment is the lowest it has been in many years.

Riverview High School - Students are back in school full time, they are having a hard time adjusting to full time school. Students are struggling with mental health issues and are acting out. It seems that the Covid year has really set them back. There are now three Guidance Counselors at RHS and all three are booked solid. The Guidance team will be meeting with Ken Smith, a retired RCMP Officer, to discuss implementing a restorative justice program at the school.

Riverview Middle School PSSC - The school wide no cell phone policy is working well. The Guidance counselors are overwhelmed, and more support is needed. It was noted that the school is willing to work with Riverview East School on overcrowding issues.

- Alex Morton attended four PSSC meetings –
Havelock School – the school is focused on outdoor learning, and it seems to be working well
Petitcodiac Regional School – the new welding shop is up and running but could use more space.
Salisbury Elementary School – there were many concerns regarding the condition of the school structure.
JMA Armstrong/Salisbury Middle School – concern over the name change was discussed. There was much response and concern regarding the name change expressed by the community via phone calls, emails, and a petition. The policy was followed but the community feels that it was not consulted adequately.

Moved by Alex Morton, seconded by Michelle Folkins that District Education Council re-visit the renaming of JMA Armstrong High/Salisbury Middle School whether by an appeal process, restarting the Policy 409 name change process again or by some other means.

Motion Carried

- Harry Doyle advised that the Principal of the Therapeutic Education Support Site, John Tingley, has been seconded to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development until the end of the school year. Chair Doyle is glad the strike is over, and staff are back on the job. He advised that he has received feedback on the good morale at the District Office.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Pamela Wilson, Acting Superintendent, advised that the design work on the new west end school is 90% done and that tender for tree removal will go out soon. Regarding school property security there are ongoing concerns. The district has met with the RCMP as well as a security consultant and they are looking into ways to expand what is already in place. Acting Superintendent Wilson also gave an update on the progress of the District Improvement Planning.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter to Minister of Education regarding First Nations DEC Member
- Letter to Department of Education and Early Childhood Development re. appointment of DEC Committee member for the Provincial Curriculum and Evaluation Advisory Committee
- Letter to ASD-E Anti-racism Coalition re. appointment of DEC Committee Member

The next Regular Business Meeting will be held January 18, 2022.

Original signed by Harry Doyle

Harry Doyle, Chair

Original signed by Denise Kingston

Denise Kingston, Secretary