

**ANGLOPHONE SOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT (ASD-S)**  
**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting – September 11, 2024**

The District Education Council (DEC) for Anglophone South School District (ASD-S) met in-person on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The following Council members and staff were in attendance:

**Council Members:**

Roger Nesbitt, Chair; Amanda Hamm, Vice-Chair, Wayne Spires, Jennifer Sheils, Matthew Martin, Jon Barry, Ginny Hooper, Shane Borthwick, Ché Greene, Beth McQuinn-Nixon (on-line), and Amanda Henderson-Matthews (on-line).

**ASD-S Staff:**

Derek O'Brien, Superintendent; Jessica Hanlon, Director of Communications; Allan Davis, Director of Schools, Hampton Education Centre; Rosemary Southard, Director of Schools, St. Stephen Education Centre, Mark Blucher, Director of Schools and Data & Accountability, Ryan Price, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Susan Moffatt, Director of Human Resources (on-line), Jennifer Grant, Director of Education Support Services and Susan Cunningham, Recording Secretary.

**1. Call to Order/Welcome/Regrets**

Mr. Nesbitt Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He advised that Christine Eruokwu, was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Nesbitt began the meeting respectfully acknowledging the territory in which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Wolastoqey, Mi'gmaq and Peskotomuhkati peoples. We strive for respectful relationships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation and honour this beautiful land together.

**2. Approvals**

**2.1 Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Nesbitt referred to the Agenda for the meeting and asked that if there were no questions or concerns that a motion be put forward to approve. Mr. Greene moved that the Agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Spires. Motion carried.

**2.2 Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Nesbitt referred to the Minutes of the August 21, 2024 meeting and asked if there were no questions or concerns that a motion be put forward to approve. There being no questions or concerns, Mr. Spires moved that the Minutes be approved as presented. Seconded by Ms. Hooper. Motion carried.

**2.3 Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

**3. Superintendent's Report & Update**

Mr. O'Brien advised that his report was posted last week for Council to review.

Mr. O'Brien began his report noting the professional learning for staff. He mentioned the two-day EECD sessions August 28 and 29, 2024.

He spoke about the planning that has begun for this year's Antiracism Summit which will take place in November and Middle Level GSA Day happening in October. SOGI Educators' Network met in August in collaboration with school staff to ensure our schools are safe and inclusive from the very beginning of the school year. He mentioned assessment modules are currently being developed for an assessment leadership academy that will be offered to teacher leaders during the 2024-2025 school year.

Mr. O'Brien visited some schools the first week of school with one of them being Sussex Elementary School where the Norton Elementary School is being housed this year. He was pleased how they all came together under one roof and able to accommodate all the students.

He concluded his report by speaking about the Antiracism Policy which will soon be ready to roll out to the schools along with the Crisis & Violence Plan which is ready to be added to the website. He also shared the good news regarding the old WorkSafe NB building which will have a retrofit to house two schools - Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood.

#### **4. District Improvement Plan Update**

Mr. O'Brien reviewed the District Improvement Plan 2024-2025. He outlined changes that were made to the goals around building staff capacity and student engagement.

#### **5. Business Arising from Minutes**

##### **5.1 Approval of the District Improvement Plan – Ends #3**

Mr. Nesbitt referred to the presentation of District Improvement Plan - Ends #3 from the August 21, 2024 meeting and asked if there were any questions or concerns that a motion be put forward to approve. There being no questions or concerns, Mr. Spires moved that the District Improvement Plan – Ends #3 be approved as presented on August 21, 2024. Seconded by Ms. Hamm. Motion carried.

##### **5.2 Approval of Ends 2.0, 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3**

Mr. Nesbitt referred to the Ends Policies 2.0, 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 from the August 21, 2024 meeting and asked if there were any questions or concerns that a motion be put forward to approve. There being no questions or concerns, Mr. Spires moved that the Ends 2.0, 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 be approved as presented. Seconded by Ms. Hamm. Motion carried.

##### **5.3 PSSC Orientation Update**

Ms. Amanda Hamm spoke to the council regarding the PSSC Orientation. She began by indicating a YouTube promotional video is coming together and we recommend that it gets launched into the different social media channels that are available to the district and also shared with the schools and communities.

She mentioned a PSSC training video based on the current PSSC Power Point training is being worked on so it can be shared with families that are part of the PSSC. The PSSC Handbook is in the process of being updated through the Council of DEC Chairs and we see great value in it being developed and finalized.

Ms. Hamm concluded this update indicating this orientation will provide information for the schools, principals, administrators and people in orientating the PSSC's over the years.

#### **6. New Business**

##### **6.1 Resignation Letter from Christine Eruokwu**

Mr. Nesbitt read the letter to the council regarding the resignation of Christine Eruokwu. Mr. Spires moved that we accept this letter with regret. Seconded by Ms. Hooper. Motion carried.

##### **6.2 Governance Policies**

4.0 Governance Commitment

4.1 Role of the District Education Council

4.2 Governing Style

Mr. Nesbitt reviewed the Governance Process Policies which were posted as part of the meeting materials.

#### **7. Information Items**

##### **7.1 Member's Notebook**

Mr. Nesbitt asked if there were any members who wanted to share about things going on in their sub-district.

Amanda Hamm shared about the former WorkSafe NB building to become the new school for Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood. She indicated how the community is overwhelmed that this project is happening and she offered her heartfelt thank you to all the key stakeholders.

Ché Greene mentioned he has heard from his fellow students concerns regarding transportation around the district due to a lack of buses.

Shane Borthwick shared about the student from Deer Island who died recently. The DEC Members had a moment of silence for the family and the community of Deer Island. He also spoke about one of the major employers in Black's Harbour who are making a 20% cutback on employees and how this will affect the community at large.

## **7.2 Chair's Report and Update**

Mr. Nesbitt indicated he was involved in the following:

- August 26, 2024 - Attended Appeals in the afternoon and a virtual meeting with EECD regarding assessment results in the evening.
- September 6, 2024 - Followed the announcement regarding the WorkSafe Building and the Grand Bay Schools he did CBC Information Morning and spoke with a TJ reporter in the afternoon.
- September 9, 2024 - Virtual meeting that evening with the PSSC Orientation Committee.

## **7.3 Correspondence**

Mr. Nesbitt reported that correspondence was dealt with prior to the meeting.

## **8. Adjournment**

Mr. Nesbitt thanked all who attended this evening's Council meeting and reminded Council the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Nesbitt, Chair

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Susan Cunningham, Recording Secretary