

**Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional Feeder System School Review  
School Options Committee**

**Working Meeting #9  
Monday Feb 13 2017 – 6:30 p.m.  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

**Attendance**

**Committee Members:**

**Voting:**

Deepak Prasad, Dr. J. H. Gillis Community / Business Representative – SOC Chair  
Allan Armsworthy, Dr. J. H. Gillis School Advisory Council Chair  
Amanda MacDonald, H.M. MacDonald School Advisory Council Chair  
Jacqui Briand, H.M. MacDonald School Advisory Council Parent Representative  
Mary Anne Burke, SACS School Advisory Council Parent Representative  
Karla Chisholm, AEC School Advisory Council Parent Representative;  
Maria Fraser, AEC School Advisory Council Chair  
Beth Maloney, SACS School Advisory Council Chair  
John Blackwell, Dr. J. H. Gillis School Advisory Council Parent Representative

**Non-Voting:**

Sherman England, Director of Operations  
Bob MacEachern, School Review Facilitator

**1. Call to Order (D. Prasad, Chair – requested that Facilitator Bob MacEachern chair the meeting due to him being detained in Ontario without notes/minutes)**

The Working meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

**2. Record of Attendance**

Regrets: Minu Sharma – SAJS School Advisory Chair  
Angela Penney – SAC School Advisory Council Parent Representative

**3. Additions to Agenda**

none

**4. Approval of Agenda**

MOVED and SECONDED (Briand, J./ Prasad, D.)

MOTION CARRIED.

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

Working Committee Minutes – February 6, 2017      MOVED and SECONDED  
(MacDonald, A./ Blackwell, J.)

MOTION CARRIED

Public Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2017      MOVED and SECONDED (Fraser, M./  
Chisholm, K.)

MOTION CARRIED

**6. Business arising from Minutes**

None

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 Group Work on Scenarios

- (1) Status Quo
- (2) Close AEC with SAJS reconfigured to a P-6; Dr. JH Gillis reconfigured to a 7-12; SACS remaining as a P-6; and HM MacDonald remaining as a P-6

The floor space information provided at the previous meeting was reviewed for both the SAJS and Dr. JH Gillis Regional High School.

It was confirmed that the music area at DRJHG is divided into two spaces.

It was stated that the utilization calculation is a standard formula found in the School Review Policy as established by the department of Education and Early Childhood Development and is used consistently by all School Boards as part of the process.

There was a question about a water issue at DRJHG in the 1009-1010-1012 POD.

Sherman stated that the School Board is dealing with a water issue. Due to a grading issue the total water run-off from the hill between the school and Xavier Drive is collecting against the school. The School Board has been investigating the source of an organic smell, so to eliminate concerns have removed wallboard, millwork and floor tile to establish the source of the smell.

Air quality tests were conducted by Pinchin and Leblanc Environmental on January 17, 2017 (Report dated January 27, 2017) which confirmed there was no asbestos or mold in the area. A report by the consultant will be released once the OHS Committee has reviewed. It is currently in the hands of the Principal.

Ground work will need to be carried out in the spring to ensure the water from the side hill does not collect against the foundation and the weeping tile will need to be inspected and fixed as required.

It was asked if the Department of Labour visited DRJHG? They were on site.

It was asked about mold being found in a storage area. Sherman confirmed that when a refrigerator was moved, a mold like substance was found on the floor under a refrigerator and was cleaned.

MOVED and SECONDED (Blackwell, J. / Chisholm, K)

That the SOC support the status quo option.

Recorded Vote

Yes (Armsworthy, A; Blackwell, J; Chisholm, K; and Fraser, M.)

No (MacDonald, A; Briand, J; Burke, MA; Maloney, B; and Prasad, D)

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It was requested that an expert around air quality/mold attend the next working committee meeting. Sherman will have a representative from Pinchin and Leblanc at the meeting on Tuesday. The SOC also requested to tour the area in question.

Amanda stated that the status quo would not meet the criteria in our review document. She questioned if there was information available on how student learning is effected by the combination of different age groups in a school.

Sherman stated that all studies indicate the areas impact a student achievement are:

- 1) Quality of instruction (teacher)
- 2) Quality of the School Leadership (Principal)
- 3) Involvement (Parent support of student)

All SOC members are encouraged to review section 2.1 of each school profile for the next meeting

#### **8. Reports, correspondence, communications**

none

#### **9. Future meetings;**

- a. Working Committee # 10 February 21, 2017 @ 6pm @ Dr John Hugh Gillis
- b. Public Meeting # 3 – February 22, 2017 @ 7pm @ St Andrew Junior School

#### **10. Adjournment.**

MOVED (MacDonald, A.)

**To adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

MOTION CARRIED

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**BOB MACEACHERN  
SCHOOL REVIEW FACILITATOR**

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