

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

**Working Meeting #10
Tuesday Feb 21 2017
Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High**

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
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 Designate
John Blackwell, Dr. J. H. Gillis School Advisory Council Parent Representative
Minu Sharma, SAJS School Advisory Council Chair
Angela Penney, SAC School Advisory Council Parent Representative

Non-Voting:

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

1. Call to Order D. Prasad, Chair

The Working meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Record of Attendance

Regrets: Jacqui Briand, HMM School Advisory Council Parent Representative

3. Additions to Agenda

none

4. Approval of Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED (Burke, M.A. /Blackwell, J.)

MOTION CARRIED.

- 5. Tour of DrJHG – Guests from Pinchin LeBlanc** – Joined by Trevor Houweling and Shawna McIntyre along with SRSB OHS Officer Karen MacDonald who explained the most likely cause of the moisture issue is due to a drainage issue combined with run-off from Xavier Drive. Air is being removed from the space (negative air) to ensure the earthy smell is contained within that area. The SOC had many questions about the space, air quality, etc. Based on the tests conducted in the area the results are within acceptable levels. (A report was also distributed to members regarding tests undertaken). A member asked if they would have concern about children being in this space, they answered: a child would be safe in the classroom.

The SOC also toured Room 1010 and a storage space where maintenance staff discovered a mold-like substance on the floor underneath a refrigerator. The area was cleaned and there was no indication of any issues in the space.

6. Adoption of Minutes

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MOVED and SECONDED (Blackwell, J./ Maloney, B.)

MOTION CARRIED

7. Business arising from Minutes

Allan Armsworthy brought forward two points of order directed to the chair:

A) At the February 13th teleconference meeting, you vacated the chair and turned it over to a staff member. The Chair took it upon yourself to make this decision. According to the rules we have agreed to follow, if you choose to vacate the chair, you 'must relinquish the chair to another officer, or member, acceptable to a majority of the members present.'

The point of order was upheld

B) It was out of order for the chair to appoint the non-voting Facilitator to chair the meeting whereas other voting members would be capable of holding the chair.

The point of order was upheld

8. 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

There was discussion around class make-up at both Dr John Hugh and the Junior school if the decision was made to close AEC. Five rooms would be freed up with grades 7/8 moving to the high school (family studies) as those spaces would not be required for the P-6. The group also reviewed how the cafeteria could accommodate the increased student population. The lower grades 7-9 on the lower floor would have a separate lunch time, many students eat outside of the cafeteria (break-out areas/classes/etc.).

There was a question about asbestos at HM MacDonald as referenced in the school profile. All exposed asbestos was removed...what remains is enclosed. SAC members from HMM noted they were fully aware and updated on that situation. They have no concerns in this matter.

MOVED and SECONDED (Penny, A.; / MacDonald, A.)

That the SOC support the closure of Antigonish Education Centre as it addresses the utilization question in the terms of reference.

Recorded Vote

Yes (MacDonald, A; J; Burke, MA; Penny, A.; and Prasad, D)

No (Armsworthy, A; Blackwell, J; Chisholm, K; Fraser, M., Maloney, B; Sharma, M.)

MOTION DEFEATED

MOVED and SECONDED (Sharma, M.; Blackwell, J.)

That the SOC support Status Quo

Recorded Vote

Yes (Armsworthy, A; Blackwell, J; Chisholm, K; Fraser, M., Maloney, B; Sharma, M.)

No (MacDonald, A; J; Burke, MA; Penny, A.; and Prasad, D)

MOTION PASSED

9. Reports, correspondence, communications

none

10. Future meetings;

- a. Public Meeting # 3 – February 22, 2017 @ 7pm @ St Andrew Junior School
- b. Working Committee # 11 March 6 @ 6:30pm at Dr John Hugh Gillis

11. Adjournment.

MOVED (Blackwell, J.)

To adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED