

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

**Working Meeting #8
Monday Feb 6 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Antigonish, Nova Scotia**

St. Andrews Junior School

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
Angela Penney, SAJS 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
Minu Sharma, SAJS School Advisory Council Chair

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 6:30 p.m.

2. Record of Attendance

All in attendance

3. Additions to Agenda

none

4. Approval of Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED (Armsworthy, A./ Blackwell, J.)

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED and SECONDED (Armsworthy, A./ Sharma, M.)

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Business arising from Minutes

None

7. New Business

7.1 Group Work on Scenarios

(1) Status Quo

(2) **Close AEC** - SAJS P-6; DrJHGillis 7-12; SACS P-6; HM P-6

(3) **Close HM MacDonald** -> AEC

REMOVED AS AN OPTION: Utilization will remain high up to 2021 and closing this school will not resolve the utilization issue at Dr John Hugh Gillis

(4) Keep AEC & HMM (P-6), Renovate Junior School to 7-12, **Close Dr.JHGillis**

REMOVED AS AN OPTION: There would not be enough capacity to accommodate the students within the feeder system without DRJHG.

As requested, Sherman provided a floor plan (both levels) for Dr John Hugh Gillis. It was determined the 7/8 grade levels would require 20 classrooms. There are 21 available (presently) on the first floor.

The second floor can accommodate grades 9-12. It was noted that some modifications would be required.

There was considerable discussion about the capacity of the cafeteria to accommodate the additional students as well as the general flow of students within the building. Not all students utilize the cafeteria as many stay within their 'pod' at lunch break, etc.

The group also reviewed an updated floor plan for St Andrew Jr School which highlighted classrooms/labs that could be retrofitted to accommodate grade levels P-4.

John questioned whether there was a mold issues in Dr John Hugh. Sherman responded that there is no. Testing was done in January in relation to a water issue around 1000 POD caused from run-off at Xavier Drive. In the spring work on the drainage system will need to be carried out.

The Student Transportation Mandate and Standards document was circulated. This is a guideline from the Department of Education. It states that students living more than 3.6 kilometers from the school will be transported. The SRSB uses the following guideline: Grades 9-12 (1.6KM) and P-8 (0.8KM) especially in areas with sidewalks, etc.

Sherman reported that the longest any student is on the bus within this catchment area is one hour which is within their accepted guidelines.

Work on this information will continue at the next working committee meeting.

Allan requested an enrollment count by county within the SRSB.

8. Reports, correspondence, communications

none

9. Future meetings;

- a. Working Committee # 9 February 9, 2017 @ 7pm @ St Andrew Junior School
- b. Public Meeting # 3 – February 22, 2017 @ 7pm @ St Andrew Junior School

10. Adjournment.

MOVED (Blackwell, J.)

To adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

BOB MACEACHERN
SCHOOL REVIEW FACILITATOR

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RECORDING SECRETARY