

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

**Working Meeting #6  
Monday January 9 2017 – 6:30 p.m.  
Antigonish, Nova Scotia**

**Municipality of the County of Antigonish Municipal Building**

**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  
John Blackwell, Dr. J. H. Gillis School Advisory Council Parent Representative  
Amanda MacDonald, H.M. MacDonald School Advisory Council Chair  
Angela Penney, SAJS Advisory Council Parent Representative  
Mary Anne Burke, SACS School Advisory Council Parent Representative  
Karla Chisholm, AEC School Advisory Council Parent Representative;  
Beth Maloney, SACS School Advisory Council Chair  
Maria Fraser, AEC School Advisory Council Chair

**Regrets:**

Jacqui Briand, H.M. MacDonald School Advisory Council Parent Representative  
Minu Sharma, SAJS School Advisory Council Chair

**Non-Voting:**

Bob MacEachern, School Review Facilitator

**1. Call to Order (D. Prasad, Chair)**

The Working meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**2. Record of Attendance**

Regrets:

Jacqui Briand, H.M. MacDonald School Advisory Council Parent Representative  
Minu Sharma, SAJS School Advisory Council Chair

**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./ Burke, M.A.)

MOTION CARRIED.

## 6. Business arising from Minutes

### 7. New Business

#### 7.1 Group Work on Scenarios

(1) Status Quo

(2021) Dr.JH – 48%; AEC – 65%; SAC – 86%; SAJS – 77%; HMM – 82%

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

(3) Keep AEC & HMM (P-6), Demolish Dr.JHGillis and Renovate Junior School to 7-12

(4) Close HM MacDonald -> AEC

There was considerable discussion regarding the above options-focusing on 1-3. We'll need more information on utilization of each facility in the system. The committee will examine the impact of each option at Working Committee # 7 after the public meeting in January.

Armsworthy pointed out that DrJHG continues to be the highest performing high schools in the Province. Members requested information as to the context of that information. Bob will request a document from the board.

## 8. Reports, correspondence, communications

Requested that SAC's receive public meeting notice. Some members will provide the Public Meeting information to neighbours with preschool children.

## 9. Future meetings; and

- a. Public Meeting # 2 – January 26 (storm date January 30, 2017 at AEC.

## 10. Adjournment.

MOVED (Maloney, B.)

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

MOTION CARRIED

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**BOB MACEACHERN**  
SCHOOL REVIEW FACILITATOR

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**BOB MACEACHERN**  
RECORDING SECRETARY