

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

**Working Meeting #7
Monday January 30 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Saint Andrews, Nova Scotia**

St. Andrews Consolidated 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

Regrets:

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 6:40 p.m.

2. Record of Attendance

Regrets:

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

3. Additions to Agenda

none

4. Approval of Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED (Fraser, M /Chisholm, K.)

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 Public meeting # 2 debrief...members expressed their disappointment with the public attendance...however there were some good questions/comments from the floor

7.2 The SOC toured the school led by Beth

7.3 Group Work on Scenarios

(1) Status Quo

(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

Sherman led the discussion with a 2021 'enrolment summary' document reflecting each of the above scenarios. It details the impact each will have on school facilities (attached).

The group worked on scenario # 2 and looked at the impact closing AEC would have on the Junior School. Taking into consideration the class caps for each grade level, it was determined that (at the top end) 35 classrooms would be required.

The group reviewed a floor plan of the Junior School. With the transfer of 7/8 grades to Dr John Hugh Gillis, it was pointed out that several specialized program spaces could be reconfigured into classroom spaces. Based on capacity it was determined that the Junior School could accommodate the P-6 students from AEC and SAJC and the 7-8 grades from SAJS moving to DRJHG.

However, for this scenario to work efficiently, it was felt the Junior School would require capital improvements to fit the Primary to 6 population.

The SOC requested that Sherman provide a floor plan of DRJHG for the next working meeting.

It was also decided that once the SOC confirm their final scenario, that a conference call be made with the Principals, the chair, facilitator and Sherman to solicit their input/response.

8. Reports, correspondence, communications

none

9. Future meetings;

- a. Working Committee # 8 February 6, 2017 @ 6:30pm @ St Andrew Junior School
- b. Working Committee # 9 February 9, 2017 @ 7pm @ St Andrew Junior School
- c. Public Meeting # 3 – February 22, 2017 @ 7pm @ St Andrew Junior School

10. Adjournment.

MOVED (Armsworthy, A.)

To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

**BOB MACEACHERN
SCHOOL REVIEW FACILITATOR**

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RECORDING SECRETARY**