

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

**Working Meeting  
Tuesday December 6, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.  
Town Hall, Antigonish, Nova Scotia**

**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  
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;  
Beth Maloney, SACS School Advisory Council Chair  
Maria Fraser, AEC 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:

Angela Penney, SAJS Advisory Council Parent Representative

**3. Additions to Agenda**

none

**4. Approval of Agenda**

MOVED and SECONDED (Blackwell, J./ Briand, J.)

MOTION CARRIED.

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

MOVED and SECONDED (Armsworthy, A./ MacDonald, A.)

MOTION CARRIED.

Armsworthy noted that the committee would continue to carry out its work, however current contract negotiations may impact the timeframe.

**6. Business arising from Minutes**

There's been no response to Chair Prasad's letter to Strait Regional School Board regarding the on-going labour issue

**7. New Business**

**7.1 Group Work on Scenarios**

(1) Status Quo

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

**PROS**

Less disruption  
 Reasonable space/enrichment  
 Comfortable use of space/study rooms/  
 Possible space for Daycare (DRJHG)

**CONS**

more space to heat/maintain

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

Renovations to SAJS and DrJHG

\*require space/cost per student calculations

- (2021)

470 students (AEC)	1200 / 1377 @ Dr.JH (5-12)
541 / 700 (SAJS) 656 (Dr. J.H.Gillis)	...or 7-12 @Dr.JH
667 / 700 (P-6) @ SAJS (AEC + 5 + 6 SAJS) 985 / 1377 (7-12) @ Dr.JH	

(3) Close AEC & HM - SACS P-6; SAJS P-6; Dr. JHGillis 7-12

**This option was dismissed at this time.**

(4) Keep AEC, Demolish Dr.JHGillis and rebuild to fit projected capacity suited to 9-12

**This option was dismissed at this time as it is not viable...specialized spaces at DrJHG would be expensive to rebuild in another facility**

(5) Close HM MacDonald -> AEC

(6) Close SACS

**This option was dismissed**

(7) Close SAJS

**This option was dismissed**

(8) 1 Super elementary (Prim-6) & High School (7-12)

**This option was dismissed**

**8. Reports, correspondence, communications**

**9. Future meetings; and**

- a. Working Meeting # 6 and # 7 – January 9 (SACS) and 16<sup>th</sup> (AEC) at 6:30
- b. Public Meeting # 2 – possible dates discussed were January 26 or 30, 2017 at AEC.

**10. Adjournment.**

MOVED (Blackwell, J.)

**To adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.**

MOTION CARRIED

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**BOB MACEACHERN**  
**SCHOOL REVIEW FACILITATOR**

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**RECORDING SECRETARY**