

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

**Working Meeting  
Tuesday, November 22, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.  
H. M. MacDonald Elementary School, Maryvale, Nova Scotia**

**Attendance**

**Committee Members:**

**Voting:** Deepak Prasad, Dr. J. H. Gillis Community / Business Representative –  
SOC Chair  
Maria Fraser, AEC School Advisory Council Chair  
Karla Chisholm, AEC School Advisory Council Parent Representative  
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  
Beth Maloney, SACS School Advisory Council Chair  
Mary Anne Burke, SACS School Advisory Council Parent Representative  
Minu Sharma, SAJS School Advisory Council Chair  
Angela Penney, SAJS Advisory Council Parent Representative

**Non-Voting:** Kirk Johnstone, Principal SACS  
Jason Dayman, Principal H.M. MacDonald  
Wanda Fougere, Principal Dr. J. H. Gillis  
April Weaver, Principal AEC  
Glenn Austen, Principal SAJS  
Bob MacEachern, School Review Facilitator  
Sherman England, SRSB Director of Operations  
Kevin Walker, SRSB Coordinator

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

The Working meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

**2. Record of Attendance**

Regrets: John Blackwell, Dr. J. H. Gillis School Advisory Council Parent Representative.

**3. Additions to Agenda**

none

**4. Approval of Agenda**

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

**To approve the agenda with amendments**

MOTION CARRIED.

## **5. Adoption of Minutes**

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

## **6. Business arising from Minutes**

### **6.1 Point of Order: (Armsworthy, A.)**

Clarification on the decision making process beyond consensus, the SOC will adhere to the terms of Reference as outlined on page 17 in the Recommendation to Review: Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School Feeder System.

### **6.2 Review of first Public Meeting.**

SOC members discussed the turnout of parents and community members as well as the questions they asked.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Committee Obligations**

SOC Chair (Prasad, D.) discussed the importance of having clarity on the overall goal of the SOC, and in particular, the need to focus on the four objectives listed under the mandate for the recommendation to review. Facilitator (MacEachern, B.) reminded all members that all options should be viewed/explored as possibilities.

### **7.2 Feedback – School Advisory Councils**

The Chair and Facilitator then asked SOC members for feedback on how their respective extended SAC's were viewing the school review process.

### **7.3 Tour of the building – H. M. MacDonald Elementary School by principal, Jason Dayman**

### **7.4 Group Discussion**

The SOC broke into groups to generate discussion and brainstorm various options that could be explored in regards to possible changes to the five schools

in the Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional High School Feeder System, in order to fulfill the mandate of the SOC.

**8. Reports, correspondence, communications**

An updated contact list was distributed of all SOC members reflecting the 11 voting members.

**9. Future meetings; and**

- a. Public Meeting # 2 – TBD (January)
- b. Working Meeting # 4 – Monday, November 28, 2016 at St. Andrew Junior School (& Antigonish Education Centre) at 6:30 p.m.
- c. Working Meeting # 5 – (tentative) Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at Antigonish Education Centre at 6:30 p.m.

**10. Adjournment.**

MOVED (Penney, A.)

**To adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.**

MOTION CARRIED

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

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**KEVIN WALKER**  
**RECORDING SECRETARY**