

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

**Working Meeting
Monday, November 28, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
St. Andrew Junior School, 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
Melissa Smith (for Beth Maloney), SACS School Advisory Council
Angela Penney, SAJS Advisory Council Parent Representative

Non-Voting:

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

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

The Working meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Record of Attendance

Regrets:

Karla Chisholm, AEC School Advisory Council Parent Representative;
Beth Maloney, SACS School Advisory Council Chair
- (replaced by Melissa Smith as per established group norms)
Minu Sharma, SAJS School Advisory Council Chair
Maria Fraser, AEC School Advisory Council Chair

3. Additions to Agenda

none

4. Approval of Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED (MacDonald, A./ Smith, M.)

To approve the agenda with amendments

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Adoption of Minutes

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

6. Business arising from Minutes

7. New Business

7.1 Tour – St. Andrew Junior School – Glenn Austen

7.2 Tour – Antigonish Education Centre – April Weaver

7.3 Discussion and follow up questions from the tours

Following the respective tours, the SOC members directed questions to the two principals for further clarification on features and usage of the school facilities.

8. Reports, correspondence, communications

8.1 Letter from D. Prasad to Strait Regional School Board dated November 25, 2016.

SOC Chair - D. Prasad explained the nature of his letter to the Board, through the Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional High School Feeder System Review Facilitator - B. MacEachern, was to raise the question on how the pending job action by the NSTU may impact the continued work of the SOC and solicit direction from the Board.

The group discussed what the SOC meetings could look like should the pending job action by the NSTU result in a restricted presence of the numerous NSTU members that comprise the SOC. Further to this, discussions were had on the effect of an extended job action on the timelines of the entire process as well as access of pertinent information required to have meaningful dialogue and shape possible recommendations.

9. Future meetings; and

- a. Working Meeting # 5 – Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 at St. Andrews Consolidated School at 6:30 p.m. The Pending job action may cause changes to these details.
- b. Public Meeting # 2 – TBD – possible dates were discussed towards the end of January, 2017.

10. Adjournment.

MOVED (Armsworthy, A.)

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

MOTION CARRIED

BOB MACEACHERN
SCHOOL REVIEW FACILITATOR

KEVIN WALKER
RECORDING SECRETARY