

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

**Working Meeting**

**Monday, November 7, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School, Antigonish, Nova Scotia**

**Attendance**

**Committee Members:**

**Voting:**

Allan Armsworthy, Dr. J. H. Gillis School Advisory Council Chair  
Maria Fraser, AEC School Advisory Council Chair  
Karla Chisholm, AEC 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  
Amanda MacDonald, H.M. MacDonald School Advisory Council Chair  
Jacqui Briand, H.M. MacDonald School Advisory Council Parent Representative  
Deepak Prasad, Dr. J. H. Gillis Community / Business 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 (B. MacEachern, Facilitator)**

The Working meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 (Armsworthy, A./ Fraser, M.)

**To approve the agenda with amendments**

MOTION CARRIED.

## 5. Adoption of Minutes

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

Clarification on members vs. nonmembers and procedural scope... ability to make motions, second, etc.

Due to this being the initial meeting of the School Options Committee (SOC) there were no minutes to adopt.

## 6. Business arising from Minutes

Clarification on meeting process: decisions by consensus, bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order.

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 Introductions and Overview

Bob MacEachern called the meeting to order, provided opening remarks, thanked the committee for their time and introduced. Self-introductions of the SOC Committee took place during Recording of attendance.

Bob then introduced Sherman England to make a presentation.

### 7.2 PPT presentation by S. England "Provincial School Review Policy"

Questions and discussion on a number of topics such as how Antigonish schools compares to other schools in the board; demographic trends; catchment areas; ability to alter catchment areas; bus routes;

### 7.3 Clarification of SOC mandate by Bob MacEachern.

### 7.4 Tour of the building – Dr. J. H. Gillis Regional High School by principal, Wanda Fougere

### 7.5 Election of Chair

Bob opened the floor to the chair. Deepak offered for consideration as chair of the SOC. Allan nominated Deepak. Seconded by Angie. No further nominations. Vote and acceptance by Deepak.

**7.6 Public Meeting 1**

The first public meeting is to provide information regarding the School Review process. Bob MacEachern and the SOC Chair will present information to those attending the public meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2016. Expected timeframe is 45 to 60 minutes.

**7.7 Discussion on future meetings including the public meeting and what to expect.**  
Also, working committee meetings by the School Board that could generate scenarios would be in December.

**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 – Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at Dr. J. H. Gillis at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Working Meeting – Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at H.M. MacDonald at 7:00 p.m.

**10. Adjournment.**

MOVED (Prasad, D.)

**To adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.**

MOTION CARRIED

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

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