

Auburn, Cole Harbour Family of Schools – School Options Committee Meeting Notes

Jan 23, 2017; 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
 Cole Harbour Cafeteria

Purpose

- To receive update on the Jan. 17 meeting with HRSB program staff
- To receive a presentation from Jill McGillicuddy re: data on initial options developed last week
- To receive a presentation from stakeholder Judy Dickson
- To continue development of options

Notes

Agenda Item and Discussion	Actions
<p>Overview of agenda and purpose: Corrie Attendance Sheet circulated. Students who were present at the meeting to provide student insight into discussions were welcomed.</p> <p>Time for a discussion re: the possibility of requesting an extension of the time line for the SOC was added to the end of the agenda.</p>	
<p>Minutes of January 16 2017: Corrie Regrets from one member unable to be present were noted.</p> <p>A check in on up to date emails was conducted and a few discrepancies noted.</p>	<p>Approved to accept as circulated on a motion by Adele and Heidi.</p> <p>LaMeia to forward last round of email correspondence to Gail Downey.</p>
<p>(SOC members are again reminded of an earlier agreement to register any errors or changes to the minutes by the Friday following the meeting, so minutes can be approved at the next scheduled meeting.)</p>	<p>SOC members will review minutes and provide comment by the Friday following the meeting.</p>
<p>Update on the Jan. 17 meeting with HRSB staff: Several SOC members who attended the meeting commented. These included: There was little HRSB response to initial options; Jill provides the majority of Bd resources to the group at this time and her work is appreciated; looking at excess capacity seems to be a priority for the Bd.</p>	<p>Those who attended the Jan. 17th meeting agreed to do a summary for the rest of the SOC.</p> <p>Those attending the meeting tomorrow (Jan. 24) were identified and will also do a</p>

	summary.
<p>Presentation by Jill McGillicuddy HRSB: Jill reviewed data requested by the SOC to respond to the initial scenarios developed last week. She also reviewed certain caps, space and program standards that contribute to capacity.</p> <p>A parking lot for questions and ideas was also developed.</p> <p>In response to a question, the SOC mandate was reiterated as the 17 schools named in the review. Should the SOC wish to alter the mandate by including additional schools, a written request should be forwarded to the HRSB governing board for consideration. Jill noted that this was the position of staff, and that a legal opinion has not been requested at this time.</p>	<p>Jill will join the SOC meetings regularly to provide ongoing data.</p>
<p>Presentation from stakeholder Judy Dickson: Ms. Dickson introduced herself as a stakeholder who wore several hats including independent education consultant, long time educator, and community member. Presentation included definitions (IE course vs program), a review of data related to student performance, and an overview of a dual campus, two building career themed program model and associated benefits. A number of handouts were shared.</p>	
<p>Options groups: Groups from last week reconvened and continued to develop scenarios. The students dispersed themselves among the groups to provide their perspectives.</p>	<p>A rep from each group was asked to compile tonight's notes and questions and send them to Robert for sharing with the HRSB tomorrow.</p>
<p>Extension Discussion: Dawn read a motion and rationale into the record, asking the HRSB for an extension of 90 days. Adele seconded. <i>(see motion attached)</i></p> <p>Discussion followed, including acknowledgement of support by provincial and municipal leaders in the district.</p> <p>A vote by show of hands resulted in passing the motion, 15 in favour, 8 not in favour.</p>	<p>The approved motion will be advanced to the HRSB. Robert.</p> <p>Should the extension be granted as requested, the SOC agreed to work towards a 60 conclusion of its work, within the potential 90 day window.</p>

Several voting against noted it was the length of extension that concerned them for various reasons, but not the intent of the motion.	
Adjournment: AT 9 PM on by consensus.	