

**Auburn, Cole Harbour Family of School
School Options Committee Meeting Notes**

May 29, 2017
6:30 pm – 8:45 pm
Cole Harbour District High

Purpose

- To receive and approve the May 23rd minutes
- To review data/information for elementary schools
- To review the HRSB presentation of options
- To discuss the elementary school options / Q&A
- To review the Boundary Sub-Committee's work
- To finalize the Elementary Option
- To review the Report Sub-Committee's work
- To review update from the HRSB

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| <p>Call to Order: At 6:33 by Co-Chair Corrie Anderson.</p> <p>Overview of agenda and purpose: As per previously circulated agenda.</p> <p><i>In attendance:</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Coralee Dyck</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Cole Harbour District High</td> <td style="width: 40%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scott MacDonald</td> <td>Cole Harbour District High</td> <td>Voted via telephone</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tasha Neal</td> <td>Ross Road School</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amanda Anthony</td> <td>Ross Road School</td> <td>Voted via telephone</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robin Heffler</td> <td>Sir Robert Borden J.H.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sandra Derby</td> <td>Sir Robert Borden J.H.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amanda Lowery</td> <td>Atlantic View Elem.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kimberley Aselstine</td> <td>Colonel John Stuart Elem.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heather Deighan</td> <td>Colonel John Stuart Elem.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adele Dionne</td> <td>George Bissett Elem.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jennifer Trimm</td> <td>George Bissett Elem.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dwayne Green</td> <td>Nelson Whynder Elem.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jennifer Collier</td> <td>Robert Kemp Turner Elem.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris White</td> <td>Robert Kemp Turner Elem.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Torrealba</td> <td>Auburn Drive High</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Susan Russell McGrath</td> <td>Auburn Drive High</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Corrie Anderson</td> <td>Astral Drive J.H.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Margaret Rao</td> <td>Astral Drive J.H.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Krista Dicks</td> <td>Graham Creighton J.H.</td> <td>Voted via telephone</td> </tr> </table> | Coralee Dyck | Cole Harbour District High | | Scott MacDonald | Cole Harbour District High | Voted via telephone | Tasha Neal | Ross Road School | | Amanda Anthony | Ross Road School | Voted via telephone | Robin Heffler | Sir Robert Borden J.H. | | Sandra Derby | Sir Robert Borden J.H. | | Amanda Lowery | Atlantic View Elem. | | Kimberley Aselstine | Colonel John Stuart Elem. | | Heather Deighan | Colonel John Stuart Elem. | | Adele Dionne | George Bissett Elem. | | Jennifer Trimm | George Bissett Elem. | | Dwayne Green | Nelson Whynder Elem. | | Jennifer Collier | Robert Kemp Turner Elem. | | Chris White | Robert Kemp Turner Elem. | | Dawn Torrealba | Auburn Drive High | | Susan Russell McGrath | Auburn Drive High | | Corrie Anderson | Astral Drive J.H. | | Margaret Rao | Astral Drive J.H. | | Krista Dicks | Graham Creighton J.H. | Voted via telephone | |
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| Dawn Torrealba | Auburn Drive High | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Susan Russell McGrath | Auburn Drive High | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corrie Anderson | Astral Drive J.H. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Margaret Rao | Astral Drive J.H. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Shannon Parsons Astral Drive Elem. Jill Warren Caldwell Road Elem. Jessica Quillan Caldwell Road Elem. Craig Hirtle Colby Village Elem. Brenda Riley Humber Park Elem. Gale Downey Humber Park Elem. Beth Newton Joseph Giles Elem. Gina Conrod Joseph Giles Elem. Laura Tait Bell Park Academic Centre</p> <p><i>Regrets:</i></p> <p>Rosella Fraser Nelson Whynder Elem. Keri-Lee MacDonald Robert Kemp Turner Elem. Heidi Stevenson Astral Drive Elem. Peggy Jensen Colby Village Elem. Tammy Ewing Bell Park Academic Centre</p> <p><i>Staff:</i></p> <p>Athena Leclair Halifax Regional School Board Jill McGillicuddy Halifax Regional School Board</p> | <p>Voted via telephone</p> |
| <p>Review of May 23 Minutes:</p> <p>The May 23rd meeting minutes were reviewed.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Lowery/Dyck) to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2017 Auburn Drive High and Cole Harbour District High Families of Schools – School Options Committee Meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(CARRIED)</p> | <p>Minutes to be forwarded to HRSB for posting on website.</p> |
| <p>Elementary Review of Data / Information:</p> <p>Corrie Anderson, Co-Chair reviewed the agenda for tonight’s meeting. The data from the decision matrices of the elementary school options was reviewed. Additional comments that were entered into the matrices were also reviewed. Overlying themes from each option were available for review. It was noted there was a common theme around increased French Immersion.</p> <p>Comments surrounding the SOC process were discussed, with the intention these be shared in the SOC report as lessons learned for future school reviews.</p> <p>Options for reducing the portable issues at Astral Drive</p> | <p>Facilitators to review comments for writing the final report.</p> |

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| <p>Elementary School were discussed.</p> <p>Craig Hirtle, SOC member, reviewed the work of the committee in terms of shifting boundaries if necessary, for each potential elementary school option. Thanks were given to the Boundary Sub-Committee for meeting over the weekend and for providing the information.</p> | |
| <p>HRSB Presentation of Options:</p> <p>Jill McGillicuddy presented mapping and data relevant to the options under consideration. Jill shared some observations made by the HRSB, and stressed these observations were in no way meant to direct the SOC.</p> <p>A discussion regarding out-of-area students ensued. Jill presented the data results of the boundary changes for Options 1 and 2.</p> | |
| <p>Elementary Discussion / Q&A:</p> <p>It was explained that purpose of the Q&A was to answer questions relevant to the information heard at tonight's meeting, to enable decision-making regarding the elementary school options. A discussion ensued on utilization and capacity. The bussing implications of Option 3 were discussed. It was noted that when Stock Transportation looks at the 2.4 kilometer radius, they consider walkways only if they are owned and maintained by HRM. A conversation ensued regarding the accessibility of schools.</p> <p>The Q&A was paused momentarily for Craig Hirtle to review the data results of the boundary changes for Option 3.</p> <p>A discussion followed regarding adding a third stream of French Immersion if Option 3 was chosen. It was noted if Option 1 was to proceed, there are students who would be bussing to one school when they could have a shorter bus ride to another school. Jill McGillicuddy advised the SOC of how many students leave certain elementary schools to access French Immersion.</p> <p>The representatives from elementary schools that are potentially recommended for closure were each given a few minutes to voice their opinions.</p> | |

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| <p>Boundary Sub-Committee Work:</p> <p>This was discussed earlier in the meeting.</p> | |
| <p>Finalize Elementary Option:</p> <p>The voting process was reviewed. There are three options being voted on. The first round of voting took place, eliminating an option. The second round of voting took place, eliminating another option. A preferred option was chosen to be put forward in the final report.</p> | |
| <p>Report Sub Committee:</p> <p>Feedback was requested on an initial report outline and some draft content. Input can be sent to Susan Russell McGrath who will work with Facilitators and others to start populating the final report. The importance of confidentiality was stressed.</p> <p>The SOC would like to include a suggestion around increased French Immersion opportunities in the final report.</p> <p>The portables at Astral Drive Elementary were also discussed.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Conrod/Rao) that the SOC recommend that the Astral Drive Junior High receive the Grade 6 students from Astral Drive Elementary School, making Astral Drive Elementary School a P-5 school. (CARRIED)</p> <p>Jessica Quillan noted she was opposed to the above motion and that she would like it recorded in the minutes.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Russell McGrath/Dionne) that the SOC accept the boundary changes discussed tonight for the Astral Drive, Colby Village and Caldwell Road Elementary Schools. (DEFEATED)</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Neal/Rao) to have a boundary change to have Gammon Lake and Doherty</p> | <p>Report to include a suggestion that the HRSB endeavor to increase French Immersion opportunities.</p> <p>Report to include a recommendation that the Astral Drive Junior High receive the Grade 6 students from Astral Drive Elementary School, making Astral Drive Elementary School a P-5 school.</p> <p>Report to include a recommendation that there be</p> |

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| <p>through Lawrencetown Road, excluding Mineville Road, so those students go to Atlantic View Elementary. (CARRIED)</p> | <p>a boundary change to have Gammon Lake and Doherty through Lawrencetown Road, excluding Mineville Road, so those students go to Atlantic View Elementary.</p> |
| <p>HRSB Update:</p> | <p>To be carried forward to next meeting.</p> |
| <p>Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by consensus.</p> | |