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

April 3, 2017; 6:35 pm – 8:35 pm Cole Harbour Cafeteria

## **Purpose**

- To receive correspondence
- To update on Group meeting of March 27 2017
- To Review and set timeline
- To refine decision making tool / Evaluation Matrix
- To receive Communications update

## **Notes**

| Agenda Item and Discu                             | ussion                    | Actions |
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| Call to Order: At 6: 35 by Co - Chairs            |                           |         |
| Overview of agenda and purpose: As per previously |                           |         |
| circulated agenda.                                |                           |         |
| Attendance Sheet circulated.                      |                           |         |
| In attendance:                                    |                           |         |
| Adele Dionne                                      | GBES                      |         |
| Brenda Riley                                      | HPES                      |         |
| Gina Conrod                                       | JGES                      |         |
| Jessica Quillan                                   | CRES                      |         |
| Margaret Rao                                      | ADJH                      |         |
| Jennifer Trimm                                    | GBES                      |         |
| Kimberly Aseltine                                 | Col John Stuart           |         |
| Krista Dicks                                      | Graham Creighton Jr. High |         |
| Rosella Fraser                                    | Nelson Whynder            |         |
| Craig Hirtle                                      | CVES                      |         |
| Kerri-Lee MacDonald                               |                           |         |
| Scott MacDonald                                   | CHDH                      |         |
| Jennifer Collier                                  | RKT                       |         |
| Coralee Dyck                                      | CHDH                      |         |
| Dawn Torrealba                                    | Auburn Drive High         |         |
|   | Auburn Drive High / CVES  |         |
| Beth Newton                                       | JGES                      |         |
| Heidi Stevenson                                   |                           |         |
| Shannon Parsons                                   | ADES                      |         |
| Corrie Anderson                                   | Astral Drive Jr. High     |         |
| Regrets:<br>Tasha Neal                            | Ross Rd                   |         |
| Laura Tait  | Bell Park                 |         |
| Laula Tall  | Deli Faik                 |         |

| <b>Minutes:</b> There was no quorum at the March 27 <sup>th</sup> meeting. Informal notes were shared by email with the Committee. Thanks were extended to Adele Dionne for taking the notes. On a motion by Brenda Riley and Jessica Quillan these were accepted as an accurate record of the discussion.  |   |
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| Correspondence:  1. It was reported that the HRSB has advised it is following up with Principals to confirm school representatives to the SOC.  2. A letter from the Cole Harbour Business Association was read into the record. It articulates several items for consideration including: the possibility of one Family of Schools, interest in the ability of a campus model to enhance career training, addressing over and under capacity, the reality that closures or amalgamations may need to be considered, the fact school location impacts community use of the facility, and that there is community interest in the possible refurbishment and / or repurposing of existing infrastructure. The Co —Chairs are writing to acknowledge the letter.  3. A constituency wide promotional from Tony Ince was shared. It notes support for the skilled trades. Corrie will bring a copy to the meeting next week.  4. The Co-Chairs received a call from Keith Colwell indicating his interest in meeting with the SOC and offering any support and resources that may helpful. It was moved by Brenda Riley and seconded by Margaret Rao that Mr. Coldwell be invited to a future meeting. Motion carried. | Corrie to bring promotional flyer to the next meeting.  Mr. Coldwell to be invited to a future meeting. Date to be determined.  The HRSB to be advised of the invitation. |
| Decision Making Tool / Evaluation Matrix.  The Committee broke into four groups to consider the values that need to be considered in the decision making process. Primary among these are the values articulated by the Community at earlier public meetings. These were reviewed before going into small groups.  During report backs, it was evident there was much congruence between the groups on priority values.  The findings will be consolidated and brought back next week. Clear priorities will be incorporated into the final Evaluation tool, a draft of which will be presented next week.  | Linda will consolidate the group work.  Shannon will format a draft tool for the SOC'S review next week.  |
| Communications Update: Two communiqués to update the public were agreed upon  |   |

| by consensus: one version for Facebook and a shorter version for Tweeter.  Longer version: The SOC formally requested and received an extension of 90 days to complete the complex process of reviewing 17 schools. This extension also allows additional time to receive valuable community input. Our third public meeting, which will outline possible scenarios will take place We understand our collective, transparent work and the resulting recommendations that will be made to the Halifax Regional School Board, will have a significant | Communiqué to be posted, pending setting of public meeting date.   |
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| impact on the futures of our children and communities.  Condensed for Twitter: The SOC received a 90-day extension to complete the complex review of 17 schools allowing more time for valuable community input.   |  |
| Timelines: Gina presented some ideas on the timeline, using the calendar shared earlier by the Superintendent as a baseline. It was acknowledged the facilitators would build the report and populating parts of it could begin now. Also noted that two weeks notice for a public meeting is required and needs to be considered in the time line. Other influencers discussed.   |  |
| To facilitate the timeline setting, a couple of decisions were made by motion.  It was moved by Craig Hirtle and seconded by Dawn  | Set Date of public meeting on  |
| Torrealba to pick the date for the public meeting next week.  Motion carried.  It was moved by Craig Hirtle and seconded by Adele  | April 10 2017  The SOC accepts the dual campus model as the high school model going forward, subject to a further matrix evaluation for grade configuration. |
| Dionne that "in light of the shortened, remaining timeline available, and recognizing the past matrix vote for the dual campus model and the overwhelming support for the dual campus model, that the dual campus model be accepted as the high school model going forward, subject to a further matrix evaluation for grade configuration. "Discussion followed. Motion carried.  |  |
| Adjournment: AT 8:33 PM by consensus.  |  |