

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

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

**Purpose**

- To receive information from HRSB staff re: the extension request
- To debrief the public meeting of February 1 2017
- To continue development of options
- To plan for the next agenda

**Notes**

Agenda Item and Discussion	Actions
<p><b>Overview of agenda and purpose:</b> LaMeia verbally presented the agenda.                      Attendance Sheet circulated.</p>	
<p><b>Minutes of January 23 and 30 2017:</b> Corrie</p>	<p>To be reviewed at the next meeting.  <b>SOC members</b> will review current minutes and provide comment by the Friday following the meeting.</p>
<p><b>Update from HRSB staff re: the SOC request for Extension:</b>                      Superintendent Elwin LeRoux and Ron Heiman. Director, Operations Services, were present to advise of next steps for the HRSB on the request. They read the response of the Minister of EECD to the same request. The Superintendent shared the information he will be providing to the Bd when it meets on Weds Feb 8 to respond to the request. He detailed three differently timed scenarios and reviewed the impacts of each. These included the original (150 day) time frame, a 75 day, and a 90 day extension time frame.</p> <p>A discussion ensued re: the role of the HRSB staff at the SOC hosted public meetings. The Superintendent and Director noted they are happy to address any question asked of them at meetings. They generally however prefer not jump into a SOC hosted conversation without invitation, as such action can be interpreted as directive and/or</p>	<p><b>The HRSB</b> will meet to respond to the request on Feb 8 2017.</p>

distracting.	
<p><b>Debrief the public meeting of February 1 2017:</b>  SOC members shared their different perspectives of the meeting. These included: feeling less prepared for this meeting than the first public meeting, sensing a loss of public trust, and confusion about the roles and influence of the SOC, the HRSB and the Province. Others stated they felt the meeting was a success in terms of attendance, interest, and information shared and gathered.</p> <p>It was decided to move the February 23<sup>rd</sup> public meeting to another date, to be determined.</p> <p>During this discussion it was also noted that the Feb. 20 SOC meeting falls on a holiday. It was agreed to try reschedule for Tues Feb 21.</p>	<p><b>Preparation for the next public meeting</b> should include clarity re: the roles of SOC, facilitators and the HRSB representatives, as well as a shared vision of success for the meeting.</p> <p><b>SOC</b> will set a new date. The HRSB response to the request for extension will influence this selection.</p> <p><b>Facilitators</b> will make arrangements for this date change.</p>
<p><b>Options groups:</b>  Members worked on five scenarios.  Information on each scenario was generated in terms of Description, Benefits, Challenges, Technical Considerations and Program Considerations.  Groups each presented back to the full committee, which provided further comment and questions.</p>	<p><b>Brave Space</b> will share the work with the SOC.</p> <p><b>Robert and LaMeia</b> will send the work to the HRSB for input on the technical and program questions.</p>
<p><b>Other items:</b>  It was agreed the SOC would ask the HRSB to grant the 90 day extension.</p> <p>Corrie invited comment on the correspondence she is conducting for the group around the extension.</p>	<p><b>Facilitators</b> to convey this request to the Bd staff.</p> <p><b>SOC members</b> to respond directly to Corrie.</p>
<p><b>Next Agenda: to include:</b>  Approval of outstanding minutes.  Refinement of options based on the HRSB input.  Discussion on next public meetings and how to promote them better.  20 minutes for the Decision making group.  School tours could be conducted virtually.</p>	<p>Regrets received from Sandra for next week.</p>
<p>Adjournment:  AT 9 PM on by consensus.</p>	