

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

March 6, 2017; 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
 Cole Harbour Cafeteria

Purpose

- To receive information from HRSB staff re: scenario development
- To convene small groups to critique and advance high school scenarios

Notes

Agenda Item and Discussion	Actions
<p>Overview of agenda and purpose: Robert verbally presented the agenda.</p> <p>Attendance Sheet circulated.</p> <p>Several school administrators and educators who had been invited to the meeting to share their perspectives on the evolving scenarios were introduced. It was explained they would participate in the small group discussions, providing their comments and reflections.</p> <p>The mandate of the SOC was reviewed as a refresher for all prior to moving into the business of the evening.</p>	
<p>Minutes of January 23, 30, Feb 6 and Feb 27 2017:</p> <p>(There was no quorum on Feb. 21st, so no minutes were kept. Informal notes were shared by email.)</p>	<p>The issue of guidelines for minutes was referred to the Communications Committee for development.</p>
<p>Scenario Development:</p> <p>HRSB staff members Isabel Obeid, Richard Derible and Tim Brown were present to provide information related to eleven questions asked at the last SOC meeting. Responses were given verbally and a text copy will be provided.</p> <p>Questions and answers touched on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processes for declaring building a surplus. This includes any show of interest by other potential parties, • Moving IB and other programs from school to school, • HRSB insights into a campus model, 	<p>HRSB staff to provide a copy of the responses to the SOC questions asked at the Feb 27th meeting to facilitators.</p> <p>Facilitators to share with SOC members.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of non academic considerations to students (Sports, extra curricular activities, school spirit, culture and identity, • Current course lists at each high school, • IB and AP program information and influencing factors, • HRSB Staff insights into all high school options under consideration at the moment, • Numbers currently in the skilled trades and other programs, • Out of area student numbers. <p>Themes common to many of the questions and answers included the priority placed on student safety, supervision and enrichment, and the role of the HRSB technical report which accompanies any SOC recommendation / report to the governing board.</p>	
<p>Small group work:</p> <p>Three groups met for about 35 minutes.</p> <p>Each was convened by one of the facilitators and joined by an HRSB staff representative. The school administrators and educators in attendance dispersed themselves among the groups.</p> <p>The one campus, two building model was work shopped in each group. Pros and cons were recorded, new information gathered and alternatives added if/as they arose.</p> <p>The information generated by all groups was given to the facilitators for review and consolidation.</p>	<p>Facilitators will look through the gathered material for enough commonalities to build a scenario for testing by the Scenario Checklist.</p>
<p>Next Agenda:</p> <p>It was noted that next week is March Break. Several SOC members indicated they were available to and interested in meeting. It was agreed that those that wished to will gather as usual and continue the discussion on scenarios.</p>	
<p>Adjournment:</p> <p>AT 8:30 PM by consensus.</p>	