

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

May 8, 2017

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Cole Harbour District High

Purpose

- To receive and approve the May 1st minutes
- To review housekeeping items
- To review update from the HRSB
- To review update on School Tours
- To review the Rapid Question Identification
- To review options and run them through the Decision Matrix
- To review the design of the next Public Meeting

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| <p>Call to Order: At 6:35 by Co-Chairs</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: 35%;">Coralee Dyck</td> <td>Cole Harbour District High</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scott MacDonald</td> <td>Cole Harbour District High</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tasha Neal</td> <td>Ross Road School</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amanda Anthony</td> <td>Ross Road School</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robin Heffler</td> <td>Sir Robert Borden J.H.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amanda Lowery</td> <td>Atlantic View Elem.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kimberley Aselstine</td> <td>Colonel John Stuart Elem.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heather Deighan</td> <td>Colonel John Stuart Elem.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adele Dionne</td> <td>George Bissett Elem.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jennifer Trimm</td> <td>George Bissett Elem.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rosella Fraser</td> <td>Nelson Whynder Elem.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keri-Lee MacDonald</td> <td>Robert Kemp Turner Elem.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jennifer Collier</td> <td>Robert Kemp Turner Elem.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Susan Russell McGrath</td> <td>Auburn Drive High</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Torrealba (By Phone)</td> <td>Auburn Drive High</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Margaret Rao</td> <td>Astral Drive J.H.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Krista Dicks</td> <td>Graham Creighton J.H.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heidi Stevenson</td> <td>Astral Drive Elem.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shannon Parsons</td> <td>Astral Drive Elem.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jill Warren</td> <td>Caldwell Road Elem.</td> </tr> </table> | Coralee Dyck | Cole Harbour District High | Scott MacDonald | Cole Harbour District High | Tasha Neal | Ross Road School | Amanda Anthony | Ross Road School | Robin Heffler | 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. | Rosella Fraser | Nelson Whynder Elem. | Keri-Lee MacDonald | Robert Kemp Turner Elem. | Jennifer Collier | Robert Kemp Turner Elem. | Susan Russell McGrath | Auburn Drive High | Dawn Torrealba (By Phone) | Auburn Drive High | Margaret Rao | Astral Drive J.H. | Krista Dicks | Graham Creighton J.H. | Heidi Stevenson | Astral Drive Elem. | Shannon Parsons | Astral Drive Elem. | Jill Warren | Caldwell Road Elem. | |
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| <p>Jessica Quillan Craig Hirtle Brenda Riley Gale Downey Beth Newton Gina Conrod Laura Tait</p> <p><i>Regrets:</i></p> <p>Corrie Anderson Sandra Derby Dwayne Green Chris White Peggy Jensen Tammy Ewing</p> <p><i>Staff:</i></p> <p>Jill McGillicuddy Athena Leclair</p> <p>Caldwell Road Elem. Colby Village Elem. Humber Park Elem. Humber Park Elem. Joseph Giles Elem. Joseph Giles Elem. Bell Park Academic Centre</p> <p>Astral Drive J.H. Sir Robert Borden J.H. Nelson Whynder Elem. Robert Kemp Turner Elem. Colby Village Elem. Bell Park Academic Centre</p> <p>Halifax Regional School Board Halifax Regional School Board</p> | |
| <p>Review of May 1 Minutes:</p> <p>The May 1st meeting minutes were reviewed.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Conrod/Stevenson) to approve the minutes from the May 1, 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>Housekeeping:</p> <p>A review of the voting process took place. It was noted that Dawn will be attending the meeting via teleconference.</p> <p>The decision to schedule the meeting this evening until 9:00 p.m. was also discussed. It was noted that a quick email to all, giving a heads up that the meeting will be extended would be appreciated.</p> | |

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| <p>HRSB Update:</p> <p>It was noted that there have been a few challenges, attendance being an example. Communication between the School Options Committee and the Halifax Regional School Board has also been a challenge at times. It was noted that the School Options Committee needs to be aware of and compliant with the Terms of Reference.</p> | |
| <p>School Tour Update:</p> <p>Adele Dionne thanked all those who participated in the school tours last Saturday. The visited schools were listed. It was noted that a lot of rooms in the schools are being utilized for purposes other than classrooms. It was also noted that several schools appeared to need renovations, and that there was a clear difference between the newer and older schools in terms of infrastructure and programming.</p> <p>It was noted that the tours were done by 1:00 p.m. and they went more quickly than anticipated. It was recommended that the school tours should be within the first month of a future school review. It was noted that a tour was suggested earlier in the process but was shut down. It was also suggested that a more balanced report of the schools should be provided. The cost of upgrades needs to be considered. It was stated that it's important to consider that both junior highs are under capacity.</p> <p>The junior high model was discussed.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (MacDonald/Collier) that the status quo be an option reviewed this evening for discussion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(DEFEATED)</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Collier/MacDonald) to amend the motion to include <i>and re-evaluate the boundaries to include other families of schools.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(WITHDRAWN)</p> | |
| <p>Rapid Question Identification and Options Overview:</p> <p>Committee members broke into groups to review the options, to consider outstanding questions they might have, and run options through the Decision Matrix. It was noted that the groups should be deciding their preferred option.</p> | |

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| <p>Jill McGillicuddy reviewed the boundaries and utilization of a previously developed option to give the Committee members an idea of what the data would look like with that particular option, and to demonstrate what data could be provided once final options were decided.</p> | |
| <p>Decisions:</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Dionne/Dicks) to accept Option B, with the Junior High section as Sir Robert Borden and Ross Road Junior High as Surplus and students move into Graham Creighton. (CARRIED)</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Aselstine/Heffler) that Colonel John Stuart not close, as it is at 72% capacity. (DEFEATED)</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Conrod/MacDonald) that Atlantic View and Joseph Giles be considered when neighbouring families of schools are reviewed. (CARRIED)</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Dionne/Hirtle) to add to the Elementary Section of Option B that Robert Kemp Turner become Early French Immersion. (CARRIED)</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Quillan/Anthony) that the School Options Committee clarify that their desire to have Robert Kemp Turner as an Early French Immersion school is to better support French Immersion programming. (CARRIED)</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Hirtle/Warren) that the Astral Drive Elementary, Caldwell Road Elementary and Colby Village Elementary boundaries be adjusted for better distribution of the school populations among the three elementary schools. (CARRIED)</p> | <p>Facilitators to email out a revised preferred option given the motions that have been passed.</p> |

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| <p>It was moved and seconded (Riley/MacDonald) to reconsider the defeated motion on Colonel John Stuart. (CARRIED)</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Aselstine/Heffler) that Colonel John Stuart not close, as it is at 72% capacity. (CARRIED)</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Neal/) that we reconsider the earlier motion in regards Atlantic View Elementary and Joseph Giles Elementary. (WITHDRAWN)</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Rao/Warren) that HRSB staff mock up the original Option B, the original Option D as well as option designed tonight for presentation at the next Public Meeting. (WITHDRAWN)</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Russell McGrath/Dionne) that we revisit the elementary schools in our families of schools with the intention of looking at re-alignment that is consistent with the mandate given to us. (WITHDRAWN)</p> <p>It was moved and seconded (Fraser/Rao) to propose the high school option, the junior high option, and bring forward three elementary school options to the next public meeting for public consultation. (CARRIED)</p> | <p>Facilitators to request the necessary documentation from the HRSB, to be provided for the next Public Meeting.</p> |
| <p>Close:</p> | |
| <p>Adjournment:</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. by consensus.</p> | |