

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

Nov 8th, 2016; 6:30 pm - 8:30 -pm
Cole Harbour Cafeteria

Purpose

- SOC oriented to the school review process
- SOC review binder and explore roles
- Question and Answer

Notes

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Orientation to School Review Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Robert reviewed the School Review Policy, highlighting community engagement practices and opportunities (the SOC itself, stakeholder input and three community meetings, including proposed dates).- Introduction of the Facilitation team members and skills.- Overview of the binders, and notes about school review process as information driven.- There is lots of data in the binders, and support is available from Board staff and community members.- Robert reviewed the triggers for this review and the roles of the SOC, HRSB staff and Bd.- Next meeting needs to solidly address SOC meeting dates and the profile of stakeholders. <p>Advice received from SOC members:</p>	no action

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work hard on explaining the responsibility of the SOC to the public - Rely on the data for direction, and let go of parochial expectations - Expect and respect shortcomings in the Policy. Work with, around, in spite of the Policy. - Noted this SOC is bigger than any before: time is going to be at a premium. - Keep focus on the scope and purpose of this review. - Put quality education and students at the center of the decision/ recommendations. <p>Bd staff input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The relationship between the SOC and SACs was explained. It was suggested this relationship will be supported by a communications plan - Administrators and teachers are considered Stakeholders but cannot sit on the SOC - If you discuss / explain processes used by the SOC in the report to the Bd, the Bd will find that very helpful - HRSB is respectful and trusting of the volunteers driving the SOC 	
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	<p>Other input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The new Eastern Passage school decision creates distrust in some communities.- It would be helpful to identify givens and non-negotiables- November 24 not a good date for a public meeting (Parent Teacher interviews) and December dates conflict with Xmas concert schedules	
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