

Halifax South Peninsula Elementary School

School Steering Team Minutes

Meeting #9

Date: October 24, 2017

Location: LeMarchant-St. Thomas School (Beaufort School site)

Attendees:

Name	Organization
Moira Cavanaugh	LMST (principal)
Peter Howitt	EECD
Darrell MacDonald	DTIR
Judy Obersi	LMST (SAC)
David Jakeman	LMST (SAC)
Stacey Hughes	Architecture 49
Karyn Cooling	HRSB (School Administration)
Cindy Littlefair	HRSB (elected Board member)
Earl McMullin	HRSB (Operations Services)
Dan Sheehan	HRSB (Operation Services)
Krista Ranahan	DTIR
Paul LeFleche	Deputy Minister DTIR
Gareth Evans	HRM Parks and Recreation
James McKee	Vollick McKee Pet. (landscape architect)
Waye Mason (guest)	HRM Councillor
Gary Burrill (guest)	MLA
Tim Schaus	Facilitator - regrets
Joanne Williams	HRSB (EXCEL) - regrets
Marie Fagan	HRSB (Operations Services) - regrets

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Moved by - David Jakeman

Seconded by - Judy Obersi

The purpose of this meeting was to provide to the SST an overview of the design team's activities since the last meeting, and given the projected enrollment increase, review the project timeline/schedule and discuss school redesign options.

What is Required in the Revised Design ?

Darrell and Stacey indicated the following:

- Five additional classrooms
- Larger cafeteria space
- Additional washrooms
- Additional heating and ventilation
- New design does not consider pre-primary
- Consideration to keeping the same footprint as the original design

Options currently under consideration:

Option 1- Build out over cafeteria to include three additional classrooms and enclose the proposed deck area to include another classroom.

Option 2 - Build out over the gym area; this was deemed to be not feasible.

Option 3 - Includes a bank of classrooms on the rear of the existing design. This would include 4 new classrooms. The key implication is that it would/could decrease the existing field size by 30 feet. Could the building move forward ? Perhaps adjust the building to move 15' each way ?

Questions/Comments

- **Question:** Who makes the decision to move forward with a design that incorporates the new enrollment numbers ?
Response: HRSB presented the increased enrollment numbers to EECD and TIR. EECD made the decision to proceed with these numbers and has advised TIR to revise the design.
- **Question:** Could the existing Beaufort site be used to accommodate the increased enrollment ?
Response: No, the school building is to be on one site.
- **Question:** Where do the current projected numbers come from and can they be confirmed ?
Response: These numbers have come from the Baragar projections that are used by all Nova Scotia school boards.
- **Comment:** It was indicated that the school's SAC just wants the new school to be built.
Response: The redesign of the school will be proceed based on an enrollment of 504.
- **Question:** Is the present school site really suitable or is it a compromise ?
Response: The school design has been optimized and will accommodate the new building as well as the required site/landscape/recreation features.
- **Question:** Will the addition of another 100 students require additional playground equipment ?
Response: The current plan for the site includes at least three playgrounds; a natural playground is also being considered by the Green Space Committee.

- **Question:** If the CSAP receive funding for a new school on the peninsula, is this space (i.e. a larger school to accommodate the increased enrollment) going to be required ?

Response: The impact of a new CSAP school on the peninsula is unknown; there is currently no funding allocated for such a school.
- **Question:** Can the design be modified to accommodate a fourth floor ?

Response: A fourth floor is felt not to be necessary, as changes to the building design can be accommodated within the existing three storey configuration.
- **Question:** What are the parking implications from adding additional space to the school ?

Response: An additional 5 spaces (one per classroom) are being provided. Additional parking spaces could potentially be added to the Beaufort site.
- **Comment:** There were comments from the SAC members that the drop off/pick up loop should be eliminated from the design, especially so now since there will be an increased number of students on the site. It was also suggested that revisions be made to the parking regulations on the surrounding streets to permit stopping/drop off/pick up.
- **Question:** A question was asked about the timeline/schedule for opening of the school.

Response: The target opening date is September 2019.

Next Steps and Next Meeting

The design team will consider the input received from the SST group at this meeting, further review the design options and move forward with the selected option. A date for completion of the redesign was not provided. Date for the next meeting to be determined.

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