# F.H. COLLINS SCHOOL COUNCIL

# Regular Meeting

**F.H. Collins School**

**February 3rd, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

***Present:***

***Co-Chair***:Tracy McPhee

***Members:*** Tara Goodwin-Chief, Jessie Dawson, Amin Abdullah, Sohail Magsi, Roxanne Vallevand, Janet Clarke, Sandra Henderson (via phone), Robin Smarch, Muhammad Javed (late)

***Absent:*** Erik Hoenisch

***Secretary-Treasurer:*** Lue Forsythe

***Administration:*** Darren Hays, Christine Klaassen-St. Pierre, Mike Toews

1. **Call to Order**

## The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. **Agenda**

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

1. **Minutes**

Moved by Jessie, seconded by Roxanne, **THAT** the January 6th, 2016 Regular Council

Meeting minutes be approved. **CARRIED**

1. **BCP Scores**

Janet will contact Simon Blakesley about attending the March 2nd meeting between 6:45–7:00 p.m.

1. **Transportation Committee Meeting**

Amin confirmed he would attend the March 30th meeting, or if he is unable to attend, will advise Chair to find an alternative member to attend.

1. **Secretary-Treasurer Replacement**

It was agreed to post an advertisement as soon as possible by various electronic means. Members are to encourage individuals they know to apply. If there is no conflict of interest, the Co-chairs and other members will review the applications and interview the applicants of interest on March 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Principal's Report**

Darren’s report was emailed to members before the meeting. Other items of interest were:

* School attendance was slightly increased to 704 students.
* Mike indicated Carvers were coming to the school to teach students since November. The course is very well received. The Carvers also come to the school at lunch time a couple of days a week.
* Cessation Smoking classes are being offered.
* Two teachers retired at the end of Semester l. Four teachers have been hired for various positions, including those of the retirees.
* Members had questions and/or concerns regarding what background checks and references are being done. Darren indicated he does the actual hiring and checks both the background and at least two references. After the paperwork is completed the information is sent to the Human Resources Education Department for verification.

1. **New School Report**

While the transition went relatively smoothly, there have been, and continue to be many outstanding items. Property Management took the Project Manager off the school project, so while some things are being accomplished, a Project Manager is needed!

Also Property Management has changed the custodians’ start time, and restricted what they are allowed to do, and this is not working out well for the school.

Keys to the school are not being given to all staff, which affects morale and makes it difficult for staff to have an earlier start to their day, unless administrative staff is there. The key fobs weren’t working, then the mechanism in the doors wasn’t working, so the level of frustration mounts.

Restricting traffic around the old school and trades wing area is an ongoing problem. Emergency Vehicles must be able to get through, but other vehicles are taking advantage of that, and making it dangerous for students and staff going to the trades area.

Superintendent Greg Storey has been made aware of the situation.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

The Bank Balance as at January 31st, 2016 is $9,896.47.

1. **Excessive Speeds on Lewes Boulevard**

Janet and Liza Mannen (Selkirk Chair) received a response from Tom Wyers, A/Chair Street Sign and Traffic Committee, City of Whitehorse. Mr. Wyers indicated the following:

* One bush is being removed from the landscaped median along Lewes Blvd. at the old F.H. Collins School
* The Yukon Government has retained a consultant to complete a transportation assessment for a possible new French School and to consider future development plans for the area, following the demolishing of the old F.H. Collins School. The City has requested the YG consultant to review and comment on the speed limits in the area as part of the assessment.
* The Committee is monitoring the traffic and pedestrian changes which will occur with the opening of the new F.H. Collins School.
* City Transit Bus stops along Lewes Blvd. are also being reviewed with these changes.
* At this time, no changes are proposed for a north bound speed limit.

It was agreed Janet would speak with Liza Mannen to ascertain if any further action is being taken by Selkirk Parent Council.

1. **Correspondence**

A copy of a student’s 10-day suspension letter from F.H. Collins School

1. **New Business**

The Spring AYSCBC Conference is being held April 7 – 9th, 2016.

Deputy Minister Friday Updates were received today for the past week only.

First day of school in the fall is August 29, 2016.

There will be a school council election in May.

F.H. Collins School Staff Emergency Procedures 2015-2016 was circulated

1. **Next meeting is Wednesday, March 2, 2016.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Tracy McPhee, Co-Chair