# F.H. COLLINS SCHOOL COUNCIL

# Regular Meeting

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**January 6th, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

***Present:***

***Co-Chair***:Janet Clarke

***Members:*** Erik Hoenisch, Tara Goodwin-Chief, Jessie Dawson, Amin Abdullah, Sohail Magsi, Roxanne Vallevand

***Absent:*** Tracy McPhee, Sandra Henderson, Muhammad Javed, Robin Smarch

***Guests:*** Minister of Education, Doug Graham, Deputy Minister Judy Arnold, Carol Coote, AYSCBC (7:15pm)

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

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

**1**. **Call to Order**

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

**2**. **Agenda**

Moved by Amin, seconded by Jessie **THAT** the Agenda be accepted. **CARRIED**

**3**. **Minutes**

Moved by Erik, seconded by Jessie, **THAT** the December 2nd Regular Council

Meeting minutes be approved. **CARRIED**

**4. Presentation by Minister Graham & DM Judy Arnold**

New Vision Initiative

The older documents have been looked at to determine which recommendations were or were not addressed.

At the October 7th meeting of the Steering Committee the following areas were recognized as priorities:

- Mental Health Services

- Dual Credit Streams

- Number of students in Experiential courses

The discussion of mental health services in schools included

* The role of Counsellors in the schools
* How do we provide the necessary skills to the Counsellors (not where external support is needed)
* Career counselling and planning will start before grade 10.
* It is important the Departments of Health and Social Services work together.

Parents need to be informed so as to make the best choices for their child.

``Living Life to the Fullest`` is a pilot program at Porter Creek Secondary School

The amount of Counselling time provided is flexible and varies by school. The goal is to make this clearer for everyone.

There are 7 classrooms involved in a 3-year research pilot program in pre-literacy and skills for readiness in Kindergarten to Grade 2. These students will be followed into Grade 3 and the results of the program analyzed.

There is also a program `Focus on Skill Development & Trades` in Watson Lake.

Work continues with the various First Nations on the Joint Education Action Plan.

There is also work being done with Yukon College. Until now Yukon students who were doing ``upgrading`` had to take a mandatory two years to complete their studies. The GED is disappearing and students will now be allowed to upgrade in the individual subjects they require.

The recommendations of the New Vision Initiative Steering Committee will be on the Vision`s website as of the 15th.

2009 Auditor General’s Report

The recommendations for this report follow a different reporting structure than other reviews and reports. The Department of Education is required to make yearly reports as to the progress that they have made on various initiatives. These recommendations will be part of the review which is currently being done by the New Vision Team.

Regarding the proposed French Secondary School – negotiations are still in progress. The location is an issue. Planning is ongoing. The school will have a full-sized gymnasium as well as a Theatre. Funding for the Theatre is being pursued through Heritage Canada.

The current FH Tech wing that is here would be used by the French School.

International Travel

The Department is looking at each request individually. There is no moratorium on international travel at present, but the Department checks the Government Travel Advisory site for ”Alerts” in the destination country, as well as that county`s travel recommendations.

**5. Principal's Report**

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

* School attendance was slightly increased to 677 students.
* The move to the new school went as smoothly as expected, with a lot of hard work done by everyone, including the administration.
* There were a few wrinkles to work out in the first couple of days, but solutions were available.
* School staff very much appreciated the luncheon provided by School Council on January 4th.
* Lack of communication from Property Management has led to a few problems regarding construction on the tech wing.

**6.** **Treasurer’s Report**

The Bank Balance as at December 31st, 2015 is $12,469.97.

**7.** **Excessive Speeds on Lewes Boulevard**

Janet and Liza Mannen, Selkirk School Council Co-chair appeared before City Council on Monday night and presented their respective concerns. Janet made Council aware of previous correspondence received from City of Whitehorse staff.

Discussion took place as to who had jurisdiction over setting the speed-limits, enforcing them, and the lack of ability to see oncoming traffic due to the type of growth in the median.

It is expected we will receive some responses, now that City Council is aware of the situation.

**8. Correspondence**

No correspondence was received.

**9.** **New Business**

No new business was brought forward.

**10.** **Next meeting is Wednesday, February 3, 2016.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Janet Clarke, Co-Chair