# F.H. COLLINS SCHOOL COUNCIL

# Regular Meeting

**October 21, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

**F.H. Collins School**

**MINUTES**

***Present:***

***Chair***:Janet Clarke

***Members:*** Amin Abdullah, Erik Hoenisch, Robin Smarch, Muhammad Javed, Roxanne Vallevand, Tara Goodwin-Chief, Sandra Henderson

***Absent:*** Jessie Dawson, Tracy McPhee, Sohail Magsi Secretary-Treasurer: Lue Forsythe

***Guests:*** Carol Coote, Greg Storey, Bob Walker

 Substitute Secretary: Denise Schneider

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

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

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

**2**. **Agenda**

Moved by S. Henderson, Seconded by R. Vallevand

THAT the Agenda be accepted with date correction and the following additions:

* Driveway
* Excessive speed **CARRIED**

**3**. **Minutes**

Moved by R. Smarch, Seconded by A. Abdullah

THAT the minutes of September 2, 2015 be adopted as presented.  **CARRIED**

Business arising from the Minutes of September 2, 2015

D. Hays reported that while some concerns have been resolved with “Aspen”, other issues appear as they move forward.  Some access problems are being resolved.  Of the two EA positions, one has been filled and the other is projected to be filled within a week.  He also reported he hasn't received any further "out of area" requests.

*Action*

* *E. Hoenisch requested that, on a going forward basis, D. Hays inform the Council if the new Aspen system is affecting students and/or preventing teachers from doing their job.*

**4. Principal's Report**

D. Hays reported the school has 679 primary students (not cross enrolled); 698 included cross enrolled (students who come from another school to attend one class).    The reason Wood St. students are not included in Awards night is because they are not all enrolled at FH, they come from other schools.  As well, FH's awards policy is based on highest mark and Wood St. prefers to acknowledge teamwork over grades.  He agreed that marking field trips as "excused absence" does count against “perfect attendance”, however they do not have the manpower to manually adjust the absence records in the computer system.  He added that there will be an earthquake drill the following day.

*The ledger of the Trust Accounts was provided to E. Hoenisch.*

**5. Treasurer's Report**

There is $7813.98 in the bank.

Moved by S. Henderson, Seconded by E. Hoenisch

THAT Denise Schneider replaces Lue Forsythe for tonight’s meeting and the November 4 meeting at a rate of $250/meeting.  **CARRIED**

Moved by S. Henderson, Seconded by E. Hoenisch

THAT Lou Forsythe be remunerated $150 for the financial book keeping done in preparation of D. Schneider. **CARRIED**

**6. Committee Reports**

Bus Transportation Meeting

S. Henderson attended the Transportation meeting and reported that all buses are equipped for northern standards, they have 19 new drivers, 41 drivers in Whitehorse and there was some talk of moving the transfer station from the top of the Robert Service Way, to the Shell station.  As well, there are approximately 160 students using City transit.

Vision Launch

S. Henderson reported disappointment that, with the large amount of expertise in the room, there was no framework, but rather a list of questions asking where and how the attendees wanted to begin to work on the "Vision". The issues raised at Table 15 felt that assessment, teacher evaluations and absenteeism should be addressed along with a return to Junior High Schools.

School Council Meeting

C. Coote reported she attended a morning meeting with Judy, Mike and Bob.  Once she has transcribed her notes, she will send them to all school council members.

**7. Old Business**

AP Calculus

D. Hays reported there are 8 students currently taking the course with about another 7-8 registered for next semester. He also stated the teacher reported it’s going well. The fee to write the AP Princeton exam is covered by Yukon Education.

BCP Results

E. Hoenisch asked if there was a correlation between the results and the need for students to upgrade their marks after graduation.

D. Hays stated there were no reports, only anecdotal comments from students. He felt that the statistics do not give an accurate portrayal as they don't take into consideration the sample size, the clientele, or marks from other schools when students transfer in.

*Action*

* *D. Hays will provide School Council with a list of the BCP marks compared to the local school marks; the list will be void of all student information.*

**8. New Business**

Invitation to Minister and Deputy Minister

It was decided to delay the invitation until after L. Forsythe returned.

Excessive Speed

Excessive speeds have been reported on the non school zone side of Lewes Blvd and the Selkirk Principal requested a school zone be added to that side.

*Action*

* *J. Clarke will follow up with the Selkirk Principal to ask if he has received a response.*

New Entrance

The new entrance is not for busses; they will be using the same entrance they currently are.  D. Hays is asking for signage to direct traffic in the manner designed as they shouldn't be exiting into the bus drop off & pick up area.

*Action*

*D. Hays will inquire as to when he will receive keys and will then arrange a tour date for School Council.*

Driveway

The gravel entrance needs to have the pot holes filled.

*Action*

* *G. Storey will follow up.*

**9. Correspondence**

Teacher Request

A. Craigen is requesting permission from School Council to seek alternate/community material sources for shop projects.  He would like to produce bigger assignments with students.

Moved by E. Hoenisch, Seconded by T. Goodwin-Chief

THAT School Council supports the teacher’s request to solicit materials from private/public companies.  **CARRIED**

Staffing Allocation Committee

There are only two seats available for School Council; C. Coote will take one, and the other person will be chosen from six people who have expressed interest in sitting on the Staffing Allocation Committee.  None of the six were from FH Collins.  She noted the three Catholic Schools have their own representative.  G. Storey added that the committee would like a wide range of representation and they are trying to have a more open and transparent process for the EA Allocation as well.

*Action*

* *C. Coote will request one school representative for every six schools.*

Moved by R. Vallevand, Seconded by S. Henderson

THAT Tara Goodwin-Chief's name be put forward to the Staffing Allocation Committee. **CARRIED**

Moved by E. Hoenisch, Seconded by S. Henderson

THAT FH Collins School Council supports an increase to the school council representation on the Staffing Allocation Committee.  **CARRIED**

Secretary Training

B. Walker stated the invitation to attend one of the two training sessions is open to anyone who is interested and it is not mandatory.  The sessions will be held in Room 1 at Yukon Education.

Discussion Forum on French Immersion

The forum is scheduled for October 26 from 6:30-8pm.  The invitation was sent to School Council but some had received it as parents from the school where their child attended.  The council expressed frustration at the lack of appropriate notice given; one week's notice is not long enough.

*Action*

* *D. Hays will send the invitation to all FH parents.*
* *J. Clarke will send a letter to the Deputy Minister expressing the frustration with the short notice given when requesting committee members.*

Forum for Young Canadians

S. Henderson asked that the Administration and School Council members promote the Forum on her behalf.  Students 15+ are eligible to attend at no cost to them.

Thank you Card

C. Klaassen-St. Pierre sent a card thanking the School Council for their financial support of the Challenge Day lunches.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm