# F.H. COLLINS SCHOOL COUNCIL

# Regular Meeting

**September 2, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Library, F.H. Collins School**

**MINUTES**

***Present:***

***Chair***:Sandra Henderson

***Members:*** Janet Clarke, Amin Abdullah, Tracy McPhee, Erik Hoenisch, Robin Smarch, Sohail Magsi

***Absent:*** Jessie Dawson, Tara Goodwin-Chief, Roxanne Vallevand,

Muhammad Javed

***Guests:*** Lois Moorcroft, NDP MLA

Debbie Gohl, Parent

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

Secretary-Treasurer: Lue Forsythe

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m.

## Agenda

**Moved by Robin, seconded by Tracy,** that the Agenda be accepted with the following additions:

Members Reports: Amin re Transportation Committee

Old Business: Janet - Property Management email exchange

New Business: Request for $400 to assist with Challenge Day lunches

**Carried.**

## Minutes

## Moved by Janet, seconded by Robin, that the minutes of the June 24th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented,

**Carried.**

## Principal’s Report

## As this was only the 2nd day of school, Darren’s report was brief.

## Over 700 students are currently registered, however that number will change during the month. With “out of area” requests, the administration has to request some proof of residency. Some family dynamics make it a challenge. If necessary, the Department of Education does have a committee to deal with out of area student requests.

## Discussion ensued regarding the capacity of the new school building.

## ASPEN – the new student data program has a few glitches, which should be worked out soon. Some of the data is accurate, but when it is printed, it prints incorrectly.

## On the first day of school, the fire alarm was inadvertently set off when repairs were being done on the school. As the entire school population assembled outside as they would for a planned fire drill, this will be counted as one of the six drills that are required this school year.

## Staffing is complete except for two EA positions which will be filled very soon.

## Treasurer’s Report

## The current bank balance is $8,476.68. Lue requested Council’s opinion as to any future items (other than the 3 annual scholarships already in place) they would like included in the finalized Annual Financial Report being sent to the Department of Education. No items were added.

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## Committee Reports

## Bus Transportation Committee

## Amin indicated that as Council’s representative on this Committee, he had not been advised the busing contract had been cancelled and given to Standard Bus Lines, until he read it in the newspaper. This lack of communication with Committee members is troubling.

## The next meeting is being held on September 30th, and Sohail requested a replacement member attend, as he will be away. No one volunteered.

## Old Business.

## Property Management

## Janet read the email she had written to Property Management to follow-up on the meeting she and Sandra attended. The response from Property Management was to advise us to deal with the Department of Education. Janet will forward both emails to the Education Department ADM, Assistant ADM and Superintendent to clarify.

## Challenge Day Lunch Funding Request

## Christine requested a $400 donation from Council to assist with the lunches.

## Moved by Robin, seconded by Tracy that $400 be donated to the Challenge Day Lunch.

## Carried.

## New Business cont’d.

## Resignation and Appointment of Chair

## Sandra resigned as Chair of F.H. Collins School Council, and left it to the other members to decide who would be the Chair for the coming school year. Since all members were not in attendance, an email will be sent to that effect.

## 9. Incoming Correspondence

## F.H. Collins School Grad Class 2015 sent a letter of thanks for Council’s support.

## Solstice Toews sent a note of thanks regarding the Social Justice Scholarship she received.

## Next Regular Council Meeting Date

## October 7th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

## Adjournment

## The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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## Sandra Henderson, Chair Lue Forsythe, Secretary-Treasurer