

F.H. COLLINS SCHOOL COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: April 6, 2016
F.H. Collins School – Room 122

MINUTES

- Chair:** Tracy McPhee
- Members Present:** Erik Hoenisch, Sandra Henderson, Muhammad Javed, Amin Abdullah, Sohail Magsi, Robin Smarch
- Regrets:** Jesse Dawson, Janet Clarke, Roxanne Vallevand
- Guests:** Greg Storey (Dept. of Ed.)
- Secretary/ Treasurer:** Andrea Lara Moreira
- Administration:** Darren Hays, Christine Klaassen-St. Pierre, Mike Toews

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm

Agenda

Agenda moved by Robin, seconded by Sandra

THAT the agenda be accepted as presented

CARRIED

1. Minutes

- Minor changes to name spelling: Christine Klaassen-St. Pierre & Carol Coos
Minutes moved by Muhammad, seconded by Eric

CARRIED

2. First Nations Hall of Fame

- Post biographies and pictures of FN students that have graduated and have become renowned.
- Maybe see if there is interest to do it in conjunction with CYFN, PCS, Vanier and the rest of the rural schools.
- Some school council funds can be utilized.
- This was also mentioned at New Visions.
- What will the criteria be? There needs to be independent criteria that can be re-assessed periodically.
- The Association of School Councils should make the decision.
- The focus must be on how to get FN students to follow good role models.
- Amin feels strongly that if non- FN's are not recognized as well, it would look discriminatory.
- There is an existing Wall of Fame in progress as well as an additional French Immersion one in place.
- The challenge is going to be wall space. There is not enough of it. It was a liability concern for the contractors to put up the display cases because of the glass.
- There were discussions of doing this electronically. The cost would be approx. \$1500.00 to \$2000.00 annually and there is the challenge of permission rights.
- Sandra will be representing at the Round Table. She will bring these ideas up as a discussion.

3. French Immersion Assessment Grid

This item moved to next agenda.

4. Spring 2016 School Council Conference

- The conference will take place on April 7th, 8th and 9th.
- Sandra will be representing for FH Collins.
- Tracey has a list of questions for Sandra to bring forward at the Round Table. She will email them to Sandra.
- It is important to recognize how smooth the transition was from the old school into the new school and how everything was always kept updated and informed.

5. BCP Marks

- The BCP mark grade 12 is 40%.
- Need to get more information about BCP.
- Department of education has data for the rural schools from 2012.
- The exit survey is currently based on student experiences.
- Can try to track through Grants/ Funding sources but would need consent.
- The survey should be conducted at the end of the first year.

6. Substitute Teachers

- There is a concern about the quality of substitute teachers.
- Muhammad has been approached by two parents that they are concerned that their child has not been learning chemistry since the March break.
- There is a strong feeling that substitute teachers need to excel at the subject they are teaching.
- How are substitutes chosen? Are they chosen by subject?
- Currently, substitutes are chosen by the secretary. The secretary tries to match the substitute with the subject.
- There needs to be a more effective management approach when choosing substitutes especially when it interrupts the curriculum for a long period of time.
- Need to have the substitutes consistent and committed for long periods as well.
- The chemistry concern, however, needs to be dealt with first at administration level.
- Sandra suggests that the department have a group of qualified lists for and every subject.
- The Department of education has a determined list of substitutes.
- There needs to be steady observation that the substitute is teaching correctly in class. Darren and Christine currently do routine checks when substitutes are on site.
- Maybe if substitutes were put on payroll that would be a good impact?
- Greg to bring up with Principle's at the regional level.

7. Principles Report

- The student population count is up by 2.
- The attendance reports are not ready. What reports are actually needed?
- There was one minor accident.

8. Treasurers Report

- The current Council budget is \$9075.97

9. Correspondence

- Received a letter from Dave Wilkie, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer that the general election of members will take place on Monday May 2, 2016.
- Sally will be bringing in the nomination papers on Monday.

10. New Business

- Need to add the Crosswalk to May's agenda.
- Received a scholarship last year from Social Justice. Need to request another \$500.00/ After Grad \$500.00. Letter to be submitted.
- Send out a Letter of Invitation for new members to attend.
- The anniversary of the students lost last year in the vehicle accident is a concern. Mike was approached by MADD and they offered to do a presentation that would take up one block of time.
- Another alternative is for the P.A.R.T.Y Program to come in and do a presentation. This program is more involved and would take up a half morning of class time.
- The decision is to invite the P.A.R.T.Y Program because it involves more local connections.
Moved by Sandra, seconded by Eric.

11. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 4th, 2016 @ 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Janet Clarke, Co-Chair