# F.H. COLLINS SCHOOL COUNCIL Regular Meeting

**December 3, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.**

**F.H. Collins School, Fine Dining Room MINUTES**

***Present:***

## C*hair*: Sandra Henderson

***Member***s: Janet Clarke, Tara Goodwin-Chief, Erik Hoenisch, Amin Abdullah,

Roxanne Vallevand, Muhammad Javed, Tracy McPhee

***Absent:*** Jessie Dawson

***Guest:*** Janet Macdonald, First Nations Partnership Branch

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

Mike Toews

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

## Agenda

**Moved by Amin, seconded by Roxanne,** that the Agenda be accepted.

**Carried.**

1. A warm welcome was extended to Janet Macdonald.

Ms. Macdonald discussed the need for and the shortage of native language teachers.

Council received a handout indicating First Nations student enrolment information for F.H. Collins School.

It is anticipated the Department will be hiring 2 teachers and l Elder (as a mentor) to teach the Southern Tutchone language

Grade 8 is a preferred grade to begin teaching First Nation Languages.

A suggestion is to have some outdoor education classes taught outdoors, where only the First Nation language would be spoken.

Residential school information is to be taught at some schools that have approved the topic.

## Minutes

## Moved by Janet, seconded by Erik, that the minutes of the November 6, 2014 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented,

**Carried.**

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## Principal’s report

## Members read and accepted Darren’s monthly report (copy attached). Receiving the report in advance of the meeting is appreciated. Bumper stickers will be included with Report Cards.

## Treasurer’s Report

## Council’s current bank balance is $ 14,529.64. Lue indicated she would be forwarding T4A honorarium information to YG Finance.

## Member’s Report re Education Reserve Planning Committee

## Erik reported much of the most recent meeting of the ERPC revolved around the new school.

## At the February, 2015 meeting the Architect is to provide the committee with cost projections to 1) update and keep the old gym and 2) operate and maintain it, as well as any other options.

## One of the suggestions has been to build an Outdoor Pavilion where the current school exists.

## As there is only a portable stage planned for the new gym, there is a question as to where the new furniture will be stored.

## The Trade Wing heating has not been decided.

## The “track” will be ready by May lst, but the soccer field will not be ready. Apparently the soccer field is not a regulation size.

## Old Business

Department Committees

No information has been received to date.

## New Business

## Student Support Services Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference, have been received and should be read by all members.

## Incoming Correspondence

## A “thank you” note has been received from Mike Toews & the Social Justice Class

## Chair received copies of suspension letters.

## Next Meeting

## Janet Clarke will chair the next regular meeting of Council at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday,

## January 14th, 2015.

## Adjournment

## The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Sandra Henderson, Chair Lue Forsythe, Secretary-Treasurer