# F.H. COLLINS SCHOOL COUNCIL Regular Meeting

**January 14, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

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

***Present:***

## A/C*hair*: Janet Clarke

***Member***s: Tara Goodwin-Chief, Erik Hoenisch, Roxanne Vallevand, Tracy McPhee,

 Jessie Dawson, Sandra Henderson via telephone

***Absent:*** Muhammad Javed, Amin Abdulla,Sohail Magsi, Robin Smarch

***Guest:*** Carol Coote, Executive Director, AYSCBC

***Administration:*** Darren Hays, Bruce Thompson, Mike Toews

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

## Agenda

## Sandra requested the following item be added under “New Business” –

## Staffing Allocation Advisory Committee

**Moved by Roxanne, seconded by Tracy,** that the Agenda be accepted with amendment.

 **Carried.**

## Minutes

## Moved by Roxanne, seconded by Tracy, that the minutes of the December 3, 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).Darren indicated there were a couple of additions since the report was circulated:

## Staff are in the process of visiting the feeder schools in preparation of the Grade 7 students coming to FHC next school year.

## There had been a water leak in a classroom after frozen water pipes were thawed. There was also a flood in the Boiler Room.

## Principal’s report cont’d.

## Administration was asked how much lead time they had with regard to knowledge of the types of students who may be starting at the beginning of the school year. If the student is from a feeder school, they will have the information, but otherwise they would not know until after the student appears.

## Discussion took place regarding whether or not staff were in need of counselling, after the untimely death of Chris McNeill. Administrators felt staff were handling the situation better, in part because of having time away from the school during the Christmas break.

## A suggestion was made that Council could provide a Chris McNeill Bursary – to be discussed.

## A member commented the school website looked good. Darren said it was now easy to adjust the content.

## Treasurer’s Report

## Council’s current bank balance is $ 13,240.01.

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## Member’s Report re Education Reserve Planning Committee

## Erik reported the next meeting will be held February 10th, at which time the Committee will be updated regarding the old gym.

## Old Business

 Department Committees

 Carol Coote (AYSCBC) has been in contact with Albert Trask and they are working on the Department’s Committees.

*Transportation (Busing) Committee* is meeting on Tuesday, January 27th and Carol will forward the email to Council’s representative, Amin.

The two council representatives chosen to be on the *Student Support Service Advisory* *Committee* are Lisa Mannen (Selkirk Elementary) and James Kawchuk (Ghuch Tia Community School, Carcross). They will be meeting in May, 2015.

## New Business

## Maintenance of School Property

## Recently a comment made by a YG administrator that the reason the YG Property Management Department had not been as attentive as they might have been, was “due to new program funding which stopped progress.” Council are unsure what this comment meant and are disappointed with the lack of timely service to F.H. Collins School building and property.

## School administrators indicate this is not a new problem, as some requests have taken many months to get a response from YG Property Management.

## It was felt there needed to be a better process to contact Property Management quickly without having to send several emails, and leave messages with various persons employed there.

## New Business

## Maintenance of School Property – Cont’d.

## Janet will be contacting Superintendent Mike Woods to ask how best to proceed with a letter to Property Management outlining out concerns and opinion that the process needs to be streamlined to better serve schools.

## Staffing Allocation Advisory Committee

## This Committee is being revived. Carol Coote is getting back to Council on how people are chosen to be on the committee from amongst those who express an interest.

## Incoming Correspondence

## An email has been received with regard to using wildlife cameras. Mike Toews indicated

## the cameras had been used very successfully outdoors.

## Carol Coote distributed the January 2015 Association of Yukon School Councils,

## Boards & Committees Newsletter, announcing the Spring 2015 Yukon School Council’s

## Conference and AYSCBC Annual General Meeting April 16 – 18th, 2015.

## Next Meeting

## The next regular meeting of Council is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

## Adjournment

## The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Janet Clarke, A/Chair Lue Forsythe, Secretary-Treasurer