# F.H. COLLINS SCHOOL COUNCIL Regular Meeting

**March 4, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

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

***Present:***

***Chair***:Sandra Henderson

***Members:*** Jessie Dawson, Janet Clarke, Robin Smarch, Tracy McPhee, Muhammad Javed, Amin Abdullah

***Absent:*** Erik Hoenisch, Tara Goodwin-Chief, Roxanne Vallevand, Sohail Magsi

***Guests:*** Janet McDonald, First Nations Programs and Partnerships, Yukon Education

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

Secretary-Treasurer: Lue Forsythe

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

## Agenda

**Moved by Robin, seconded by Tracy,** that the Agenda be accepted as circulated.

**Carried.**

## Minutes

## Moved by Janet, seconded by Jessie, that the minutes of the February 4, 2015 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented,

**Carried.**

1. Janet McDonald presented Council with a update on the Social Studies 10 component

on “Teaching Our Children About Residential Schools”. She brought the “Finding Our Way Home” student textbook which will be used as well as a collection of novels and books with residential school themes. The Canadian/Yukon timeline of events is presently in draft form and will be finalized soon.

## Janet McDonald – cont’d.

## Many partners were involved in the preparation of the materials.

## Letters will be sent to parents advising them what students will be learning. As well, support services will be in place before, during and after the unit is taught in schools.

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## A “Blanket” activity was effective in many ways, and will be used with students, educational assistants, parents and other adults.

## It was suggested teachers in English 11 and 12 courses be encouraged to use some of this material.

## Principal’s report

## Members read and accepted Darren’s monthly report (copy attached).

## The Trades Building is having its design update move forward. There will be washrooms in the Trades Building.

## There will be 3 – 4 computer labs throughout the school, including the shop wing.

## Class sets of IPads have been ordered as well as IPads for the Library

## The DART (reading assessment) and SWW (writing assessment) indicate students are making progress.

## Darren was requested to explore the idea of “decommissioning” the old school with the Department

## and advise Council.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

## The current bank balance is $ 11,896.01.

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## Committee Reports

## Education Reserve Planning Committee

## As Erik was unavailable, he will report at the April meeting. Currently 3 gymnasium options are being explored. The next meeting is March 10th.

## School Growth Plan Committee

## The next meeting will be early – mid April.

## Old Business

## Tour of New School

## An Education Representative and Property Management Representative are to confirm a date with the Contractor. Mike Woods will make Sandra/Council aware of the date.

1. **New Business**

MADD video

**Moved by** Janet, seconded by Jessie, that Council is in favour of showing the new MADD video and that administration determine how best to present it to the students.

**Carried.**

1. **New Business cont’d.**

SHAD Valley Recipients Costs

Two students have applied and been accepted to the SHAD Valley Program. The cost is approximately $4500 each plus transportation. A request for financial assistance has been sent to Mike Woods.

Fine Arts Program Credits

There are different ways of obtaining credits, and not all credits are equal. Some credits are allowed to be used to graduate, while others are not. There are External Credits, Board Credits and Ministerial Credits. Students/parents should confirm with the administration regarding eligibility of the Fine Arts Program the student is doing. Christine will confirm this information and advise Muhammad accordingly.

## Incoming Correspondence

## Three suspension letters have been received.

## Letters were received from the Minister of Education congratulating Roxanne, Tara,

## Jessie & Robin on the appointment or reappointment to the F.H. Collins School Council.

## Next Meeting

## The next regular meeting of Council is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1st, 2015.

## Adjournment

## The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Sandra Henderson, Chair HH Lue Forsythe, Secretary-Treasurer