# F.H. COLLINS SCHOOL COUNCIL

# Regular Meeting

**November 4, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

**F.H. Collins School**

**MINUTES**

***Present:***

***Chair***:Janet Clarke

***Members:*** Erik Hoenisch, Roxanne Vallevand, Tara Goodwin-Chief, Sandra Henderson, Jessie Dawson, Tracy McPhee, Muhammad Javed, Amin Abdullah (arrived at 6:50pm)

***Absent:*** Sohail Magsi, Robin Smarch

 Secretary-Treasurer: Lue Forsythe

***Guests:*** Jan Stick

 Substitute Secretary: Denise Schneider

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

**1**. **Call to Order**

## The meeting was called to order at 6:38.

**2**. **Agenda**

Moved by R. Vallevand, Seconded by S. Henderson

THAT the Agenda be accepted with date correction and the following additions:

* Simon Blakesley was unable to attend
* Cheques from School Council for Awards
* Invite: open/closing school ceremonies
* Clarification regarding school sports trips **CARRIED**

**3**. **Minutes**

Moved by R. Vallevand, Seconded by S. Henderson

THAT the minutes of October 21, 2015 be adopted as presented.  **CARRIED**

Business arising from the Minutes of September 2, 2015

D. Hays reported he had met with Dave McInnes regarding Aspen. Most of the issues center around the ability of the school secretaries to generate reports and more specifically, the communication between the computers and the printers. The result of the meeting was to make a list of all issues, send it to D. McInnes to work on an issue until a resolution is found, (or a decision is made that it can’t be fixed,) before moving on to the next item on the list.

**4. Principal's Report**

D. Hays reported that he had requested traffic signage for the entrance to the new school but had not heard back from S. Trott; he had also put in a work request for the potholes in the driveway. He also responded to an inquiry about an incident between Vanier and FH Collins students; the issue was dealt with by way of suspensions. D. Hays doesn’t have keys to the school in order to give a tour; the School Council decided to request one just before the December meeting. After the tour everyone will meet at the High Country Inn for dinner followed by the meeting.

*Action: D. Hays will request a tour for the School Council members on December 2 at 5pm.*

 *J. Clarke will book the High Country Inn.*

**5. School Opening/Closing Ceremonies**

C. Klaassen-St. Pierre has a committee planning the closing ceremony for the old school and the opening ceremony for the new school taking place on December 17 and February 5 respectively. She asked if there was a School Council member interested in sitting on the committee to help plan the events. T. McPhee and J. Dawson were both interested.

*Action: C. Klaassen-St. Pierre will email the two members with the meeting dates.*

**6. Treasurer's Report**

B. Thompson requested two cheques for $500 each to be sent to the students who won awards as they still hadn’t received them. S. Henderson had D. Schneider prepare the cheques and asked that the cheques be requested well in advance for students to receive along with their award.

**6. Old Business**

YE Committees

J. Clarke reported that B. Walker had met with M. Woods to both share the frustration of School Council for the last minute requests to sit on committees and to request that a list of all YE Committees be prepared for September of each year which would allow councils to have time to plan and decide which member which sit on the committee(s).

*Action: M. Woods is preparing such a list.*

Excessive Speed

J. Clarke spoke to the Principal at Selkirk School who put her in touch with his School Council Chair. The City was meeting today and as part of their meeting will look at Selkirk’s request regarding visibility, speed and signage. If there is no action from the City, FH Collins School Council may have to take it to City Council.

*Action: J. Clarke will provide an update at the next meeting.*

**7. New Business**

Clarification of School Sports Trips

E. Hoenisch asked D. Hays if there was a billeting policy as there appeared to be some issues with billeting for his sons sports trip. D. Hays acknowledged there had been some issues. There is a billeting policy which hasn’t changed, however YE’s interpretation of the policy has changed. The requirement of RCMP checks is now being enforced whereas before it they felt if (billet) parents had their own kids participating in the event, there wasn’t necessarily a risk to the billets.

Invitation to Minister and Deputy Minister and New Vision Report

The topic was discussed again and it was decided to delay the invitation to the Minister and Deputy Minister until the January meeting (taking place in the new school) because of the December meeting tour of the new school followed by the dinner meeting.

Also of note was the Student Financial Assistance Act review has a completed a first draft and that a press release was sent out regarding some possible changes to the Education Tribunal’s mandate.

*Action: J. Clarke will contact the Minister and Deputy Minister and will include in the invitation that the School Council will like to address the New Vision Report.*

*The December meeting will focus on the issues within the New Vision Report in preparation for the visit from the Minister and Deputy Minister. ie. What weight is being given to the Queens Survey with regards to the New Vision? The School Council feels there is a need for non-teaching mental health professional positions.*

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53pm

Approved Minutes:

 Chair Date