

**Composite High School, School Council Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2016 7:30 pm**

MISSION

FMCHS is a diverse learning community, promoting responsible and active citizenship, striving towards personal excellence, and education for lifelong learning in the 21st century.

VISION

FMCHS is a collaborative community of diverse learners aspiring to personal excellence. FMCHS is dedicated to preparing our students for the future through the use of cutting edge technology, modern facilities, knowledgeable caring staff, and current instructional practices

Present: Suesan Edwards, Ali Syed, Karen Thompson, Michelle Bechtel, Lori Stacey, Nyakong Keah, Saeed Ahmed, Kevin Bergen, Syed Mavvaj Hussaini, Mohamad Fares, John Parsons, Uzma Jeelani

Meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm by Ali

1. Introductions and welcomes were made. See attached sign in sheet- 12 were present
2. Agenda was amended – 3 additions were added to new business Motion to accept amended agenda: Suesan Seconder: Lori All in favor.
3. Approval of previous minutes from September 20,2016
Motion: Lori Seconder: Michelle All in Favor

4. Business from Previous minutes:

Annual District Report:

Suesan had Ali sign the Annual report and submitted it to District October, 2016

*Outstanding invoice for Alberta Book Keeping:

Composite issued a cheque and Suesan will deliver it.

Invoices to be paid from Casino monies to help Composite cover costs:

Motion: Michelle Bechtel motioned to pay Composite in full for invoices from 2015, 2016 school year in the amount of \$18,551.01 and start the 2016, 2017 school year with a clean slate. Seconder: Karen Thompson All in Favor

Invoices to be paid to Composite: Gaming money has come in and invoices to Composite need to be cleared up in the amount of the following breakdown.

Grad expenses for 2015 and part of 2016: \$6721.21

Awards for 2015/2016 year: \$4326.22

Athletics for 2015/2016 year: \$4969.97

Skills for 2015/2016 year: \$2533.61

Total amount for 2015/2016 school year: \$18,551.01

Website Content:

Suesan sent PAC minutes, SC minutes, Casino information and dates, PAC & SC meeting dates and times to Mr. Skulsky to put on web site. Suesan will submit the new council to Mr. Skulsky to put on the website.

5. **AGM-Elections**

**Election of New Executive for School Council for the 2016/2017 school year,
Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Casino Representative**

Chair – Michelle Bechtel and Karen Thompson were nominated for Chair and both declined.

Suesan nominates Lori Stacey Seconder: Saeed Lori Accepts All in favor

Lori Stacey was elected as Chair for the 2016-2017 school year.

Vice Chair – Mohamad nominated Syed Mavvaj Hussaini for Vice Chair

Seconder: Suesan Syed accepts All in favour

Syed Mavvaj Hussaini was elected as Vice Chair for the 2016-2017 school year.

Secretary /Treasurer–Ali nominated Suesan Edwards as Secretary/Treasurer,

Seconder: Lori Suesan accepts All in favour

Suesan Edwards was elected as Secretary /Treasurer for the 2016-2017 school year.

Networks Representative: Suesan nominated Michelle Bechtel and Lori Stacey to share the position Seconder: Ali Michelle and Lori accept All in favor

Michelle Bechtel and Lori Stacey were elected as Networks representatives for the 2016-2017 school year

Casino Representative: this position was voted on at the PAC AGM

Signing authority will have to be changed over as soon as possible.
Ali turned the meeting over to Lori the new chair to continue.

6. **Treasurer's Report-** given by Suesan Edwards see attached sheet.

7. **Reports:**

Suesan: Casino Update- Our yearly financial review report is due November 19, 2016 to AGLC. AB Book Keeping has completed it and Suesan just needs to attach all receipts and send it off. There will be an invoice coming for that report.

*Society Report- Our year end filling will be due in December.

*Marsh Insurance – Suesan has sent a cheque to cover the insurance for the 2016, 2017 school year for PAC.

Student Council:No report as there is no representative

Principal: October 25, 2016

- 1) School has been running quite well and students are settling in. Intramurals and lunch activities are in the planning stage.
- 2) Modernization: some classrooms on the second level are on the move again and we are ready to move 2 more classrooms.
- 3) School Play: Game of Tiarra's along the lines of Game of Thrones is progressing with a performance run planned for Dec.1-3, 2016.
- 4) Athletics: Composite is hosting Volleyball zones in November.
- 5) Attendance Policy: We are currently revising and updating our Attendance Policy, with the intention of simplifying the procedure to address chronic non-attending students.
- 6) Miners Diner: Currently limited food service is offered at this time due to the construction but Miners Diner will continue to operate as long as the construction allows.
- 7) Parent Portal Access to Power School: The first roll out of Power Portal for access to Power School was initiated. The process should be completed successfully by the time parent/teacher interviews take place. Due to software issues there is limited access to information at the moment.
- 8) PTI are scheduled for November 8 & 9 from 5-8 pm with a welcome back BBQ those evenings.
- 9) Fall awards will occur in November at Keyano College. The date is still to be confirmed but tentatively it is November 28, 2016. The Murray and Academic awards will be combined this year in order to expedite the evening. Academic awards will be presented to the top 2 marks from each course and section, plus the Gold key and Principals award which is an average of 85% or above using the DAR system. The Murray awards are chosen by CTS teachers.
- 10) Composite continues to partner with Keyano College Athletics to provide broadcasting services for their athletic home games.
- 11) Composites Miners football team was awarded a \$6000.00 gift from the Nissan Kickoff Project, a project that supports minor football programs around the country. The cheque was presented at a football game three weeks ago.

8. New Business:

- a) Report card: question was asked when last year report cards would be out
Response: they had been mailed out
- b) Fall Awards: Question will there be any?
Response: See principals report and there will also be an APEGA award eligible to grade nines students

- c) Attendance Policy: Composite is revisiting and revising the current attendance policy due to having issues with student's attendance. Currently there is 2-3% of the students that are on the no attendance list. This needs to be improved.

There needs to be an updated policy in place taking into account where we have come from and where we want to go. Mr. Bergen presented the new policy in great detail and it is felt to cover many aspects of this concern and the parent school council was asked for their input on the new policy. There was good discussion and many questions.

The new policy gives the principal leeway to make the decision on attendance that will be in the best interest of the student.

The policy will be presented and gone over in an assembly to the students and then it will be become active going forward.

Parents can find this new policy on the website or contact the school to discuss it.

Syed motioned to have the November meeting changed from Nov. 15 to November 22 due to a conflicting meeting the same night.

Secunder: John All in Favor

Dates for 2016-2017 School Council and PAC meetings:

The dates for Parent School Council and PAC Meetings for 2016-2017 school year are the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the school library

All Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings will be at 6:30pm in the school library

School Council meetings will be at 7:00pm in the school library following the PAC meeting

November 22, 2016

No meeting in December 2016

January 17, 2017

February 21, 2017

March 21, 2017

April 18, 2017

May 16, 2017

June 20, 2017

Casino will be in Oct/Nov/Dec of 2017 Exact Date TBA

PAC meetings will be on the above dates at 6:30pm before the School Council meetings

Next Meeting: November 22, 2015 @7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:53 pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Suesan Edwards

October 25, 2016 Meeting
Treasurer's Report up to September 30, 2016 for the Fort McMurray Composite High School Student Support Society

General Account-(Non -Gaming Account): Balance as of September 30, 2016 **\$1943.19**

No withdrawals or deposits

Casino Account- (AGLC): Balance as of September 30, 2016 **\$45,563.21**

Cheques cashed or written: -

Cheque # 6 Sept.28,2016 Marsh Canada \$770.00 – not cashed yet

Total bank charges debited from accounts in September, 2016 none

September 30, 2016 credit interest \$1.87-casino account

Total funds available: for both accounts as of September 30, 2016

\$1943.19-non gaming + \$45,563.21 = \$47,506.40

Total funds available: for both accounts as of July 31, 2016

\$1943.19-non gaming + \$45,559.40 = \$47,502.59