

**Composite High, School Council Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2017 7:00 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.

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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, Michelle Bechtel, Lori Stacey, Kevin Bergen, Uzma Jeelani, Robert Skulski

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Lori

1. Call to Order- 710 pm
2. Introductions and welcomes were made. See attached sign in sheet- 7 were present
3. Agenda was amended – 1 addition was added under new business- 7a)Alternative School Calendar

Motion to accept amended agenda: Suesan Seconder: Michelle All in favor.

4. Approval of previous minutes from January 17,2017
Motion: Michelle Seconder: Mr. Bergen All in Favor
5. Business from Previous minutes:

PAC & SC content has been put on the website for Parents to see by Mr. Skulsky-thank you for doing that

Invoice from AB Book keeping in the amount of \$420.00 has been paid.

6. Reports and Guests

Joint Networks Report: Michelle

Discussed district move from 5 to 7 trustees on the board going forward

The possibility of an alternative calendar was discussed at the Network meeting with pros and cons for both school calendars

Principal Report: Mr. Bergen

- 1) Modernization Update: Construction is on track to have our Phase 1 areas returned to Composite in the mid-late March, early April. The students were given a tour of the back of the school and the comments were positive with lots of excitement about the modernization. This will give Composite a new flex space at the rear of the school and open up more classroom space. A large

number of classes will relocate to the new areas, and our Student Services and Main Office will move in order to accommodate construction on the new front entrance and Clerestory.

- 2) Convention Break is coming up next week. Teachers will be heading off to Edmonton for annual PD.
- 3) Composite is planning a number of Partner School transition activities and will have plans available to elementary schools shortly.
- 4) Finally able to get our Semester 1 report cards, despite setbacks in printing junior high reports again. Our system is not fully functional with both Division levels yet.
- 5) Miners Diner has a new staff member and is doing very well. Operations are expected to continue through the construction which is encouraging.
- 6) Unity Day will be March 15, which will provide inspirational performances engaging youth through urban art forms of breakdancing, emceeing and graffiti art. This program is supported by donations for the Wildfire recovery process. It has been a couple of years since the program was in the school.
- 7) Some changes have been made to our junior high VIP/K & E programs to create a new classroom, and re-organize students according to ability and program. One staff member has been added and some redesigning of the programs which has resulted in less pressure in our option classes for most areas.
- 8) Some students have asked for a review of the opportunity to receive Credits for after-school programs such as athletics and theatre. It is currently in discussions with Alberta Education. The initial response was no but Composite is pursuing it with AB ED.
- 9) Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for April 25 and April 27, as mid-term reports go home April 21, just after Spring Break.
- 10) District is in the planning stage of the May 3 evacuation remembrance to determine what message will be sent and how they are going to put it out. They are looking at how to manage the media access so as not to have too much disruption to the students. There will be a counselor on staff for the students to see if needed.

Mental Health representative: Natalie Levasseur was unable to make it due to a conflicting meeting. Michelle was going to send an email to thank her and to let her know the need is there for her to come to the school.

Student Council: No report as there is no representative.

7. New Business:

a) Alternative School Year Calendar:

This is in discussion stages at District and our council had good discussion with the items below being brought up and discussed.

Bigger centers are practicing this calendar.

It allows for more frequent breaks in the fall and summer for the students and the staff.

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It can allow for staff & families to maximize vacation times.

Summer break would be shorter.

Less re-learning process for the students with shorter breaks.

A concern is that if it starts in elementary it must continue through high school to continue continuity.

There are many things to consider both in elementary and high school. If all schools are not on this calendar it is going to make staffing, diplomas, athletic tournaments and many other things very difficult to plan and execute so that all schools and students can be involved if they wish to be.

Our council soundly defeated being in favour of the Alternative School Year.

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

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: March 21, 2017 @7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:19 pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Suesan Edwards

February 21, 2017 Meeting
Treasurer's Report up to January 31, 2017 for the Fort McMurray
Composite High School Student Support Society

General Account-(Non -Gaming Account): Balance as of January 31, 2017 **\$1943.19**

No withdrawals or deposits

Casino Account- (AGLC): Balance as of January 31, 2017 **\$26,240.35 +**

January 31, 2017 credit interest \$1.11-casino account
Total: 26,241.46

Cheques cashed or written: -

None

Total bank charges debited from accounts in January 31, 2017 none

Total funds available: for both accounts as of January 31, 2017

\$1943.19-non gaming + \$26,241.46 = \$28,184.65

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