

Composite High, School Council Meeting Minutes
January 17, 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.

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, Michelle Bechtel, Lori Stacey, Kevin Bergen, Syed Mavvaj Hussaini, Robert Skulski

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

1. Call to Order- 7.04 pm
2. Introductions and welcomes were made. See attached sign in sheet- 6 were present
3. Agenda was amended – 3 additions were added under new business Motion to accept amended agenda: Suesan Seconder: Mr. Bergen All in favor.
4. Approval of previous minutes from November 22, 2016
Motion: Lori Seconder: Mr. Bergen All in Favor
5. Business from Previous minutes: none
6. **Reports and Guests**
Principal Report:
 - a) New Attendance Policy Update: Since the assembly and implementation of the policy there has been a noticeable improvement in the attendance behavior. There are fewer students hanging around at Keyano and outside with fewer stragglers when it comes to being in class on time. There were a number of Corrective Student Transfers which has resulted in a significance change to attitude with the general student body.
 - b) Composite hosted our first Miner's Classic Basketball tournament in a couple of years, reviving a tradition in our school and hoping to build on that for next year.
 - c) Composite is planning a number of Partner School transition activities which will get under way in the second semester.
 - d) First Semester is concluding, this will be the first year where Composite will continue with junior high classes throughout the senior high school exam schedule.
 - e) Miner's Diner will continue to offer food services, and is expanding products available, but may have limited ability in the near future. We will know more when the central core of the building is turned over to the contractors.

- f) Unity Day event: This is planned for March 15,2017 which will provide inspirational performances engaging youth through urban art forms of breakdancing, beatboxing, emceeing and graffiti art. This will not cost Composite anything as it is being funded by the wildfire recovery process funds.
- g) Modernization Update: Construction is on track to have all the Phase 1 areas returned to Composite in the mid-late March timeline, at which point there will then be another large area turned over to the contractors. Noise has been an issue at times but the contractor and the school are working together to address these concerns.
- h) Graduation: 2016/2017 grads have decided that they would like to return to separate Grad ceremonies and the Grand March, rather than having a combined event like last year. Mr. Phinney is the teacher in charge and helping the graduates. He can be contacted with questions.
- i) Timetable: Composite is continuing to revise and refine the junior-senior high timetables and course offerings.
- j) AERR/SEP: Presentations were made to the District Board Jan.16,2017 for all schools. Presentations went well and the Board was very happy to see improved results for Composite.
- k) AP Courses: The question was asked by a parent if AP classes would be happening next year. The response was that AP can only go ahead if student numbers are there in all courses wanted. The numbers have to be there in any courses that are decided upon so that the teachers can be hired. Numbers needed is 10-12 students per course to move ahead with AP classes. Composite will be working on a solution after second semester starts, things settle down and the transitions are complete.

Student Council: No report as there is no representative.

7. New Business:

- a) Information Tech in the school: Mobile platform is now the way of education. It has to be considered how many high end hard wired labs we want in the school. We have mobile carts that are used extensively and those will remain. Composite will have 1 hard wired, high tech lab in the school with room for expansion if needed. Cleaning up the wireless printing capacity is a priority so the mobile platform is more efficient.
- b) Partner Schools Initiatives: Composite is in the stages of formulating a way to engage the up and coming students from the elementary schools in Grade 6 on the South side to choose Composite as the school of choice. Composite is in the planning stages planning activities with matching classes with Composite and the elementary schools. Looking to pair up the Grade 6 students with a Grade 7,8 students of Composite to spend a day in the life of being in a high school so

Grade 6's can get a feel for what they would be coming to at Composite, and to expose them to the different classes and areas of the school. Inviting them to Spirit Day is another way to introduce them to the school.

- c) Mr. Bergen took the group on a tour of the construction area happening at the back of the school and on the 2nd floor. It is coming along nicely and is completely different than what it was. It will be much enjoyed when it is completed by both students and staff.

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

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: February 21, 2017 @7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:27 pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Suesan Edwards

January 17, 2017 Meeting
Treasurer's Report up to December 31, 2016 for the Fort
McMurray Composite High School Student Support Society

General Account-(Non -Gaming Account): Balance as of December 31, 2016 **\$1943.19**

No withdrawals or deposits

Casino Account- (AGLC): Balance as of December 31, 2016 **\$26,240.35**

Cheques cashed or written: -

Cheque # 7	November 27,2016	Composite High School	\$6712.21-Grad-cashed
Cheque # 8	November 27,2016	Composite High School	\$4326.22-Awards-cashed
Cheque # 9	November 27,2016	Composite High School	\$4969.97- Athletics-cashed
Cheque # 10	November 27,2016	Composite High School	\$2549.71-Skills-cashed

Total bank charges debited from accounts in December, 2016 \$18558.11

December 31, 2016 credit interest \$1.50-casino account

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

\$1943.19-non gaming + \$26,240.35 = \$28,183.54