

Composite High, School Council Meeting Minutes
March 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.

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, Uzma Jeelani, Robert Skulski, Mohamad Fares, John Parsons,

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Lori

1. Call to Order- 7:10 pm
2. Introductions and welcomes were made. See attached sign in sheet- 8 were present
3. Agenda was amended – 2 changes were made 6c- Suesan report, 8- Parental Questions
Motion to accept amended agenda: Suesan Seconder: Mr. Bergen All in favor.
4. Approval of previous minutes from February 21,2017
Michelle brought up the mental health guest and corrected that it was decided that she would not be needed at this time and she would be thanked for her input.
Motion on corrected minutes: Mr. Bergen Seconder: Uzma Jeeani All in Favor
5. Business from Previous minutes: none
6. **Reports and Guests**

a) Joint Networks Report: Michelle/Lori

ASCA conference is April 28, 29, 30, 2017 at the South Delta in Edmonton. District has allotted money for travel & hotels for 2 parents to attend this conference.

What makes an effective School Council was discussed at the Networks meeting. Does District decide or the individual schools decide?

A discussion was had amongst the council and staff and ideas brought up were: child care available at the school during the council meetings- would this make a difference? What is preventing parents from coming to the meetings? It was suggested to do a Survey monkey to see if we can get feedback from parents.

An effective Council must have good relations with the Principal, Vice Principal and staff, parents need to feel that they have a voice and they matter.

Conclusion was that we would come up with 4 or 5 questions for the Survey Monkey and have it to Mr. Bergen before April 31/17 and he would then get the survey out. When the results came in we would meet and discuss the results.

b) 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. Back of the school is very close to being finished. The offices will be moving upstairs within the next 2 weeks in order to accommodate construction on the new front entrance and Clerestory.
- 2) We had Unity Day present to our students on the topics of personal problem solving, stress management and treatment of others. It was well received and some junior high students participated in small group sessions. The breakout sessions were enjoyed and very successful. Unfortunately not everyone got to go to a session as time wouldn't allow with the numbers that attended.
- 3) Composite is hosting a number of Partner School classes for transition activities this Friday. The Partner schools come to be a high school student for a day and are paired up with a Grades 7 student. The Grade 7 student will show them around and take them to class so they can get a feel for high school.
- 4) School Timetable for 2017/2018 school year is being reviewed. Composite is leaning toward a 2 day rotation in order to accommodate options and Core subject timetabling. Composite will keep the ability for teacher crossover in the scheduling, as this will continue to be our philosophy. There is concern from the teachers about the short classes with this rotation.
- 5) 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. It has resulted in less pressure in our Option classes for most areas, and considerable improvement in student success in academics.
- 6) Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for April 25 and April 27, as mid-term reports go home April 21, just after Spring Break, April 7-18, 2017

c) Suesan's Report:

We have been randomly selected for another AGLC financial review due May 12/17.

There will be a small invoice for this one also.

The 2017 Society report is completed by AB Book Keeping. I just have to fill in a couple of forms and get signatures and it can be sent off. There is an invoice for 105.00 which Suesan will submit to Courtney for payment.

7. New Business:

Oscar the fish:

It was decided that Oscar needs a new home and a friend that he won't eat to keep him company.

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8. Parental Questions:

When can parents sign up for PTI on line? It will be set up before spring break for on line PTI times.

Can we set up a School Council table for casino at PTI? Yes we can.

Tee shirt Fundraiser for Spain & Portugal travel club trip. No problem selling tee shirts to raise money? No problem.

Students asking about getting a regular room upstairs for their yearbook, student council meetings and any other meetings they need space for. Also a regular room will give them a space to house any of their documents and information that they have.

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

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: May 16, 2017 @7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:05 pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Suesan Edwards

March 21, 2017 Meeting
Treasurer's Report up to February 28, 2017 for the Fort
McMurray Composite High School Student Support Society

General Account-(Non -Gaming Account): Balance as of February 28, 2017 **\$1943.19**

No withdrawals or deposits

Casino Account- (AGLC): Balance as of February 14, 2017 **\$20,585.19 +**

February 28, 2017 credit interest \$.89-casino account

Total: 20,586.08

Cheques cashed or written: -

#11 Composite High School 5656.27- cashed Feb.14/17

Total bank charges debited from accounts in February, 2017 5656.27

Total funds available: for both accounts as of February 28, 2017

\$1943.19-non gaming + \$20,586.08 = \$22,529.27