

Composite High, School Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 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, John Parsons

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Lori

1. Call to Order- 7:12 pm
2. Introductions and welcomes were made. See attached sign in sheet- 6 were present
3. Agenda was approved Motion for approved agenda: Suesan Seconder: Uzma
All in favor.
4. Approval of previous minutes from April 21,2017
Motion to approve minutes: Michelle Seconder: John All in Favor
5. Business from Previous minutes: none
6. **Reports and Guests**
 - a) **Joint Networks Meeting from May,2017**
Michelle & Lori both attended meeting
Bill1 was passed and is now law stating that Alberta schools are not allowed to charge fees for basic education items. This law is expected to reduce revenue for the schools.
AB Health Services had a presentation on concussion awareness training-CATT- District employees have been or are being trained for this. The link for this is www.cattonline.com if anyone is interested.
Elections for School Trustees will be held on October 16, 2017.
 - b) **Principal Report: Mr. Bergen**
 - 1) **Modernization Update:** Temporary entrance is working well, considering the challenges with bussing, access for The Bridge radio station, and parking for staff and students. No serious problems to date and will continue to use this entrance until the front entrance is completed. Virtually every area of the school grounds has work occurring. A tour of the completed areas upstairs was done for the council.
 - 2) **Vice Principle:** We are pleased to welcome Danny Tulk to our school next year as our new Vice Principle replacing Robert Skulsky, as he moves on to Walter and Gladys Hill. Danny comes from Westwood and will bring new energy to our music program for sure.

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- 3) **Spirit Day:** We have cancelled our last Spirit Day due to several factors. It will be a fasting day for Islamic students making it difficult for them to participate, Grade 6 staff are concerned about another lost day prior to PAT's in June, and due to massive construction around the school, we are concerned for the safety of students during this un-structured day. Composite will visit our partner schools one more time prior to the end of the year to actively engage our future students.
- 4) **Timetable:** We continue the process of reviewing our current timetable and considering all options for scheduling. We are leaning towards a 2 day rotation in order to accommodate Options and the Core Subject time tabling. We will keep the ability for teacher crossover in the scheduling, as this will continue to be our philosophy. We are projecting larger junior high numbers, over 250, than senior high next year, under 200 but our senior high course requests reflect a higher academic program than in the past.
- 5) **Islamic Program:** The Islamic Program is remaining at Composite next year. We will try to accommodate more of the parent wishes into our programming, including a more separate area in the school, program focused timetable and more structured prayer time.
- 6) **Parent Teacher interviews:** These were well attended in April. The Parent Portal for real-time access to marks & attendance should be in place for September.
- 7) **May 3 Anniversary:** This was a low key day, partly due to it being our first day we used our alternative entrance, and they started to strip the front of the school. May 4 was more difficult for many students as this was our memorial day for our student Emily Ryan. Staff made a banner and presented it to Fire Hall #1 and first responders to bring about a positive in the day.
- 8) **Exam Schedule:** This has been finalized and distributed. It was difficult to coordinate due to the Islamic holiday of Eid, falling on PAT dates. There have been some modifications to the schedule but the last day for regular classes will be June 16
- 9) **School Name:** We have received confirmation that a naming committee has been struck by the board to proceed with soliciting stakeholders for a new name for Composite High School. It has been decided that the "Miners" moniker and the logo will remain, but that the Board will entertain a new name for the school. The first meeting for this committee is expected to convene before the end of the school year. We would expect the new name to be publicized with the grand re-opening of the modernized school in the fall of 2018.

7. New Business:

Survey Monkey and hard copy results from parents, regarding what would bring parents out to be more involved in the meetings and the school. The results were tabled until the June meeting as there were responses that were missed during the

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count. We would like to thank Uzma for compiling the responses and helping out with this endeavor.

Need to get the SC & PAC dates for next year on the Web site to start the year- the dates can be changed when the new council takes over.

School Council positions will be open next year and we should have that on the website in case there are parents that are interested.

8. Suesan's Report:

We have received our casino dates for 2017- Tuesday November 21, and Wednesday, November 22, 2017- We need to cross reference these dates with Parent Teacher Interviews and consider moving PTI dates if they fall on the same dates.

9. Parental Questions:

Why did parents get a call from Robo caller regarding the Helipad?

Answer: District asked schools in the area that may be affected to distribute the information to parents in case of concerns.

Has the smoking policy lapsed as there are frequently smokers by the yellow sign and it seems to be getting worse, can staff please keep an eye out to try and clean this problem up again?

Answer: They didn't think it was happening so frequently, but yes they can keep an eye out to clean up our temporary entrance

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

June 20, 2017

Casino Dates for 2017 are Tuesday November 21, 2017 and Wednesday November 22, 2017

Next Meeting: June 20, 2017 @7:00pm in the library.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:06pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Suesan Edwards

