

**Composite High School, School Council Meeting  
September 20, 2016 6:34 pm**

**MISSION**

FMCHS is a diverse learning community, promoting responsible and active citizenship, striving towards personal excellence, and education for lifelong learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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, Karen Thompson, Beth Duffy, Lori Stacey, Uzma Jeelani, Kevin Bergen, Michelle Bechtel, Syed Mavvaj Hussaini, Robert Skulsky

Business addressed & discussed:

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Lori.

1. Welcomes were made. See attached sign in sheet- 9 were present
2. Two minutes of silence was observed for Emily Ryan (Grade 9 student) and Natalie Hawkins ( parent on school council) that passed away during the evacuation
3. Reviewed agenda- 1 addition was made. 8b.Special Networks Meeting

Motion to accept amended agenda

Motion: Suesan Edwards      Second: Karen Thompson    All in favour

4. Approval of April 19, 2016 minutes-

Motion to approve minutes from April 19, 2016

Motion: Karen Thompson      Second: Beth Duffy    All in favour.

5. Business from April 19, 2016 , previous minutes:

**Website content:** Content for the website to go to Mr. Skulsky. Content to include: Pac & School Council minutes, meeting dates and times, board members and contact info, casino dates

Suesan to get info to Mr. Skulsky

**PAC & SC meeting dates:** it was suggested to leave the dates that had been discussed at the April meeting as they were and to also leave the AGM date as is for this year. All agreed to this and we would work extra hard to get these dates out to parents to get parental involvement.

6. **Pac Treasurers Report:** See attached sheet

\*Casino Update- next casino will be sometime in Oct/Nov/Dec, 2017 (last quarter), the firm date will be known in the next few months.

\*Society Report- this has been completed for 2015, returned and filed.

**Student Council:** No report as no student was at meeting

7. **Principal Report:** September 20,2016

- a) **School Startup:** This has been difficult and challenging. After the loss of three neighborhoods which would be our catchment area for the students and the evacuation the numbers were much lower than anticipated. Currently our numbers stand at 475 students from the anticipated 650 students in the spring. Due to the lower student numbers staffing changes and cut backs had to be addressed. We were able to absorb teaching reductions in a Mat leave and budgeted position, but one teacher had to be moved to Timberlea School. We also lost several support staff positions due to downsizing. The timetable had to be completely revised due to the last minute staffing changes which caused much anxiety and concern amongst students, staff and parents. We may lose some students due to the changes but believe that most students were able to get all the courses they require and wanted. Due to the cutbacks we have no Native Studies program, Music or Band, Librarian, ILC classroom and have reduced course offerings and options. The AP enhancement programming will be continuing. These are temporary cutbacks in order to meet budget constraints, but expect to begin to add staff and programs back in the future. **There were parental concerns:** a) with the last minute change in schedules and getting the students on track for graduation and some normalcy in their lives. It was felt that this upheaval could have been handled in a different manner with no surprises and the parents should have been aware of this major change. b) the lack of communication between the teachers and the school in general to the parents c) concerns regarding class sizes, as 25-30 is a very large class to learn in
- b) **Modernization:** Phase 2 has begun and we have lost a large portion of our school on the lower level and our cafeteria on the upper level. This results in our high school students going to Keyano for lunch for the most part. Our Junior High students are confined to the school property during lunch. There are a number of challenges that are going to be present during this process as the re-modernization schedule has had to change somewhat with the events that occurred in the spring. Plans are being made to accommodate them.
- c) **School Times:** Composite's school start and end times have been adjusted by District office in order to accommodate the bussing schedule. This has been an adjustment for all concerned but we are all adjusting. **Start time is 8:10am and end time is 2:52pm**
- d) **Staffing:** We have several new staff members this year for the junior/senior high materialization. We have a new Councilor on staff and have extra councilors at the school from SOS to help mentally and to lighten the load for the students and the staff. Staff is working diligently to make this new school work. Junior high students and staff are happy to be here. A parent requested that names of teachers with the class/course and grade that they teach be posted on the website so parents can familiarize themselves with the staff of Composite.
- e) **Spirit Day:** first Spirit Day is Thursday Sept.29 and we are inviting our Partner School Grade 6's to join us. Should be a great day.

8. **New business:**

- a) **2016/2017 Meeting dates and times:** This was accepted by members that were at the meeting, and it was requested that before each meeting the automated dialer send out a reminder to all parents. Both Mr. Skulsky and Mr. Bergen agreed that this could be done.
- b) **Special Networks Meeting:** the next meeting is Monday Sept.26, 2016 at District Office at 7:00pm- all are welcome to attend.
- c) **District yearend report:** Suesan in the process of completing it for District
- d) **Outstanding invoice from AB tax & Book keeping:** invoice due immediately in the amount of \$2184.00 for the last 26months- Suesan to speak to finance office to be sure it is paid.

- e) **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

It was also suggested that PAC help towards 2015/2016 final year end graduation ceremonies due to the evacuation and lack of fund raising opportunities for the grad class.

This was tabled as there were not enough voting members.

- f) **School Council insurance renewal:** It is due October 1, 2016. Suesan made a motion to renew the policy and write a cheque for \$770.00 to cover the yearly fee. Motion approved: Mavaaj Syed    Seconder: Michelle Bechtel    All in Favor

**Dates for 2016/2017 PAC and School Council meetings:**

**The set dates for Parent Advisory Council and School Council Meetings for the 2016/2017 school year is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the school library**

**All Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings will be at 6:30pm in the school library followed by  
Parent School Council Meeting at 7:00pm**

**October 18, 2016- AGM**

**November 15, 2016**

**December 2016- No meeting**

**January 17, 2017**

**February 21, 2016**

**March 21, 2016**

**April 18, 2016**

**May 16, 2016**

**June 20, 2016**

**Casino dates will be announced as soon as AGLC gives us the word**

Our next meeting is the AGM for both PAC and School Council and we need parents to come out and take up some positions on the board as there are many parents that have graduates this year.

**Next Parent Advisory Council Meeting: October 18, 2016 @ 6:30pm**

**Next School Council Meeting: October 18, 2016 @7:00pm.**

Lori Stacey adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm      Seconder: Suesan Edwards      All in favour

Meeting adjourned @ 8:23pm

*Minutes recorded by and submitted by Suesan Edwards*

**September 20, 2016 Meeting**  
**Treasurer's Report up to July 31, 2016 for the Fort McMurray**  
**Composite High School Student Support Society**

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

No withdrawals or deposits

**Casino Account- (AGLC):** Balance as of July 31, 2016 **\$45,559.40**

May 16, 2016	deposit	AGLC-February Casino	\$43,121.62
July 31,2016	credit interest		\$1.94

**Cheques cashed or written:** - NONE

Total bank charges debited from accounts in July, 2016                      none

Interest this month    \$1.94-casino account

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

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