

**Colonel By Secondary School
School Council
Minutes of meeting held on
Tuesday, December 16th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Marie-Claude Meunier
 - a. We are here to celebrate the holidays with food and drink and to celebrate Carole’s leaving us here at Colonel By.
 - b. A minute of silence was held for the 132 children killed in a tragic event in Pakistan today.
2. Attendance – Carole Armstrong (retiring Vice Principal), Michel Belanger (Staff rep.), Suzanne deAbreu, Balazs Fazakas, Jean Fulton-Hale (Principal), Jason Lawrence (Co-Chair), Marie-Claude Meunier (Co-Chair), Ruth Gallant, Jas Kaur, Delia Kecskemeti, Kim Hyunhee, Kutukian Lise, Wanda Thompson (Treasurer), Michele Simpson (Secretary), Nancy Johns.
3. Reports –
 - a. Principal’s report – Jean Fulton-Hale.
 - a.i. It has been a busy month with report cards, P-T interviews and a successful set of IB Information Nights which were held across two evenings.
 - a.ii. C Flats sang at the board of trustees inaugural evening at 133 Greenbank Rd. The music night was phenomenal.
 - a.iii. Junior girls basketball went down to the last minute of the game. Was a pretty amazing experience with the team being coached by a parent volunteer!
 - a.iv. Today we had the band concert and C Flats went out to sing at an elementary school.
 - a.v. The food hamper drive was an amazing outreach for the entire school.
 - a.vi. We will have a new Vice Principal at Colonel By who will be introduced at the January meeting and will start on February 1, 2015. Lewis Harthun will act in the meantime.
 - b. Staff Report – Michel Belanger
 - b.i. Kelsey Munroe from Grade 12 Academic will represent OCDSB in a writing contest. Her piece was selected for regionals – very exciting.
 - b.ii. Kiva Group that does microfinancing loans raised \$350 in their awareness campaign. They give loans out to SME businesses for Operation Come Home.
 - b.iii. The snowsuit fund did much better financially than in snowsuits.
 - b.iv. 42 hampers and \$2,000 was collected for the Shepherds this year. Mrs. Johnson’s class was creating their class list from 2 weeks prior to collection. They decorated and wrapped the hamper. Very interactive with guidance given by the teachers. The family that received it have about 9 children, and they were very happy to receive it.

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- c. IB Coordinator/Representative – Lewis Harthun
 - c.i. December has been very busy with a lot of IB applications handed in. The volunteers did a fantastic job!
 - c.ii. The kids are working well. We have finished collating Grade 11 and 12 exams.
 - c.iii. There was a new format at the IB information night with more people coming through the doors than in previous years. The registration setup was amazing. There was no waiting. Very well done. We also got a good plug on CBC Radio.
- d. Vice Principal's Report - Balazs Fazakas/Carole Armstrong
 - d.i. In January, Grade 12 classes will have mid-terms and vector scores. By design, since this helps with summatives.
 - d.ii. Course selection approach is online this year and will make decisions on how to proceed in the beginning of January 2015. This venture is called - **Career Cruising**.
 - d.iii. May only do Grades 11 and 12 and not Grade 9 this year. Will discuss issues on return to school and will explain to parents on the 1st Career Information Night with Council in February 2015.
 - d.iv. This venture frees up guidance to work with individual families on unique cases.
 - d.v. IEP students come in to orient Grades 9 and 10 about it for specific learning or gifted.
 - d.vi. The next stage is for Grades 11 and 12. On Thursday, December 18th, Paul and Carol will have all IEP students in a meeting. After high school, where do most of the kids go (i.e. the top 6 places)? Who can you tap into for your IEP accommodation? This is **Self Advocacy**.
 - d.vii. Will do first with the Grade 11 students, then debrief before presenting to the Grade 12s.
- 4. School Council Constitution – Jason Lawrence
 - a. The formation of a formal constitution committee was strongly supported by Jason and Ruth. However the committee will need a leader. Perhaps we could draw from the larger pool of volunteers at the next meeting.
- 5. Closing – The meeting closed with a potluck. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20th, 2015**.