

**Colonel By Secondary School  
School Council  
Minutes of meeting held on  
Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

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1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Jason Lawrence - invitation for all parents to attend Colonel By's School Council which is held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Upcoming meetings will have special guests to speak on subjects of interest to parents. Reminders of future meetings will be sent out through Synervoice.
2. Attendance – as per sheet.
3. Principal's report – Jean Fulton-Hale introduces our new Vice-principal, Laura Labelle
  - a. Option sheet night
  - b. P-T Interviews tomorrow. Cannot accommodate everyone, but please email the teachers directly if you do not get to meet with them.
  - c. Nordic skiers are going on to Regionals.
  - d. Many student athletes are at Colonel By. We will have a banner with all the athletic groups that we represent at Colonel By.
4. Option Sheet night – Michel Belanger
  - a. Guidance and Student Services - (A-H) Michel Belanger (I-N) Kerri Illingworth (O-Z) Rachel Nakashoji.
  - b. There are several pathways to get to the goal. Even though most students in Grade 9 are going to be doctors, there are several ways to get to that goal.
  - c. Ocdsb Course Calendar 2015-2016 is now available online at [www.colonelby.com](http://www.colonelby.com) with useful links, course selection process.
  - d. Other important links are [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) and [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca) for university and college programs and requirements. [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) is a very important tool for all parents. Students have access and their own passcode. It will take 2-3 minutes to complete with the more time intensive piece being the considerations that come before selecting their courses.
    - d.i. They will be able to explore assessments using learning styles or matchmaker skills. They can also go into the career section and using the keyword search will give all the different jobs out there and what are the related courses that you could take in high school.
  - e. Graduation requirements for the OSSD – 30 credits (18 Compulsory + 12 Options), 40 hours of Community involvement and a literacy test (March 26<sup>th</sup>, Morning for those Grade 11 and 12 students who did not write last year or were unsuccessful).
  - f. Students in the IB program will have the usual OSSD requirements in addition to their IB requirements.
  - g. Cooperative Education is a wonderful opportunity for students to have experiential learning and explore a different pathway. They go every 2<sup>nd</sup> afternoon to earn 2 credit co-ops or every afternoon for 4 credits. It explores every sector including accounting, schools, aestheticians, automotive, aviation, radio stations, to name a few. It fits most students' schedules in Grade 11 and even in Grade 12. If there are any persons who

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know someone who is willing to take in a Co-op student, they are more than welcome to come in and join the program.

- h. Options sheets must be handed in on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 signed by the parents and the child. Of course, most students change their minds, and we will try our best in Guidance to accommodate those change requests.
- i. Grade 9 → 10: All students take 8 classes (5 compulsory and 3 electives). This program allows you to plan for all grades especially for prerequisites for courses they plan to take in Grades 11 and 12. Cross border transfers are granted only under 3 criteria, one of which is programming. It is incumbent on that student to continue in their program for 3 years. For example, if they transferred because of Spanish, then they must pursue that course for grades 9, 10 and 11. They can decide in grade 12 if they want to continue. Must also submit community involvement hours.
- j. Grade 10 → 11. Take 2 compulsory and 6 Electives. Math and English are required. They get to explore their interests but must take care of their prerequisites for university or college. Course codes have a language → 1<sup>st</sup> 3 letters tell you which department and course (CHC – History), the 2 or 3 tell you which grade level, the 5<sup>th</sup> character tells you which type of course it is (U – University, M – University/College), C – College, O – Open). The E or J or F at the end is – E for IB, F – French immersion.
- k. How do I choose? Think about what your interests are right now and explore the college and university websites. Another helpful site is [www.transitionresourceguide.ca](http://www.transitionresourceguide.ca)
- l. Revisit choices especially over the summer months. If their choices change please send an email to Guidance for us to note and try to accommodate.
- m. IB Grade 10 → 11. University requirements don't change for IB students. They must take 1 course in each of the 6 IB disciplines as well as Theory of Knowledge (H2T4UE). With the exception of Math Studies ITGS, virtually all courses must be taken for 2 years. The 8<sup>th</sup> course is an opportunity to add balance. It could be a Physical Education course, Art course or a Spanish course which is not IB. If they take Phys. Ed course those hours go to their active hours, similarly a dance course hours goes to creative.
- n. Quick note for IB – Grade 11 and 12 English, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Society (geography, history or ITGS), Science, Mathematics (Studies or SL or HL), Arts or electives (music or visual arts or a second group 2-3-4), plus TOK in Grade 11. Math Standard Level (SL) is a very strong course centered on Calculus while Higher Level (HL) is an even stronger course. Math Studies on the other hand allows the student to experience Mathematics. For those students that want to go into Engineering, they can do Studies in IB then at grade 12 take both Math courses required for University.
- o. IB Grade 11 → 12 Continue with IB courses (2<sup>nd</sup> year).
- p. Colleges → All programs need OSSD – 30 credits, English. Some will want a science course and a math course. Prerequisites will make the determination for acceptance. There are many collaborative degree opportunities and innovative programs (such as Algonquin).

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- q. University → They will look at your top 6 4U/M courses. There are a few maritime universities that will look at the top 5 4U/M. There is an opportunity to do stronger in those courses that you want to pursue at University. Reminder to use [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)
  - r. Engineering – ENG4U, MHF4U, MCV4U, SCH4U, SPH4U.  
Science – ENG4U, MHF4U, MCV4U, 2 x Sciences, 1 other U/M. Note that for these students you may consider doing for example Physics in summer school. This is not open to the Engineering students.  
Commerce – ENG4U, MHF4U, MCV4U. Liberal Arts – ENG4U, 5 other 4 U/M.
  - s. SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) – This is a new program for us at Colonel By. It is a province wide program. Our SHSM is in Arts and Culture (digital media and production). This leads to a dissertation. They take a certain set of courses and get specialized training in their field, with a red seal on the OSSD plus a program record transcript. Our Cougar Vision program is a huge component of the SHSM at Colonel By. The student must do 4 major credits, 1 in English, 1 in Business studies or Canadian and world studies, 2 credits in Cooperative Education. To select SHSM, the student must speak with Guidance and a supplementary option sheet is required. Shaw Video will be offering live certification training in digital media and production at Colonel By. They can also do the Co-op during the summer (the entire summer versus 1 afternoon twice a week during the school year).
  - t. Note that there are 2 alternate courses online. Please populate this as it will help in selecting courses that may be requested by a number of people. The extra credit at the bottom of Grade 11 is Band. Once you have selected all your courses, you click on the printer icon and it will generate a draft copy of the course request sheet. We are asking the parent to sign the document. It will print as 3 pages including the media release forms. Once the child is sure of the options selected, then click on Submit. Guidance can unlock if there is a change after submission. When you are trying to take a summer course, the form may not submit. Print it anyway and note your option that you want to take in the summer. In Grade 12, if you wish to take a spare then click on the blue area below all your courses and above submit. E learning courses can be added to the option sheet online.
  - u. Summer school – May 1<sup>st</sup> registration. Reach ahead and make up are available. Tentative dates – July 3 and 31. Registration is also available in career cruising. Some people take make up to better the mark. That is also allowed.
  - v. Course changes – class size is stipulated by regulation. Priority is given to compulsory credits/graduation requirements. Classes may be limited. Make sure of your choices. Please take note of the recommendations of your course teacher with respect to what level you should be considering especially as you go into Grade 12. You may need that spare period in grade 12, so be careful to bring BALANCE into your course selection.
5. Closing –The next Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**