

Colonel By Secondary School Council
Minutes of meeting held on
Tuesday, May 20th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Attendance register – see attached.
2. Call to Order – Marie Claude Meunier – Presentation canceled due to low attendance. Will be pushed to the 1st meeting in the new school year.
3. Reports –
 - a. Chair report - No change in bell times for Colonel By (will stay at 9:15 a.m.).
 - b. Treasurer report - \$6,542 left in the bank after the bursary cheque cleared at the bank. She will be absent for the June's meeting. The next treasurer's report will be tabled in September.
 - c. Student Council report – Recent elections held, so one of Colonel By's student's senate will be a trustee next year.
 - d. Principal's report – C Flats was invited to present at Parliament Hill in May, and had their photos taken with the Prime Minister. They have been asked to submit their version of Oh Canada that was sung by them. Approval obtained for High School Digital Media to be included in the curriculum as a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM). Its IB exams held at Carleton University. Have done a lot of collaborative work on assessment and evaluation. Reach for the top went to the finals last weekend. Currently building next year's timetable. The school's enrolment is stable at 1,095 students for the fall. One teacher retiring – Madame Chartrand. A replacement teacher with 10 years experience in Chemistry was recently selected. Sports awards are June 11th which is also our final day of classes before exams which begin on June 12th.

Graduation breakfast is on June 6th. Commencement June 26th at 10 a.m. at Adult High School. A commemorative DVD will be done for graduates with baby pictures, slide shows and favorite Colonel By memory. Commencement will also be filmed and included on the DVD. Mr. Harthun and Ms. Fulton-Hale just got back from China where they visited a huge range of schools from traditional to fully international. We may have a sister school in Beijing. C Flats went to New York City and came home with the Gold! All spring sports are up, but because of the weather some playoffs have been compressed.

- e. Staff Report – About 635 persons registered for Relay for Life on Friday, May 30 – one of the largest to date. We have chosen to invite the Grade 8 class of Henri Munro to attach to another school community and also that there is a student there who is a cancer survivor. The survivors lead us off on the 1st lap walk. We have secured some t-shirts for them at a cost of \$1 each to them. Pancake breakfast will be prepared by Dave Smith and his team. We also have a few local celebrity servers, aspiring and current MPPs, including the Mayor and a few members of the school board.
- Parents are invited to the breakfast at a cost of \$5 for entry. We are looking for assistance for preparation of lunch – 99% prepared inside and served outside. Parents are allowed to be present at the Relay for Life and participate either as single members or as a team (10 members on a team with each raising \$100). There is a team website – Colonel By Community or Alumni where donations can be done. We need volunteers for supervision especially in the evening really as an extra set of eyes. Bank days are this week! We want full community involvement including parents.
- f. OCASC report – Last meeting was held on May 8th. It was about the DELF examination – which was a pilot project which is now transitioning from pilot to full implementation. OCDSB was the 1st board in the province to use it. Users will get a diploma in French which is different from the bilingual accreditation as DELF is internationally recognized. There are 6 levels, and in Ottawa we are doing 2 levels. There are 4 competencies and exams are written/orally in April. Students register by March 30 online.

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OCASC is discussing proms and parent interest in having prom events be under school supervision. The dinner/dance at Colonel By is organized by students and is not the host responsibility of the school or Board right now. Ontario is one of the few provinces that the prom is not under the jurisdiction of schools. One of the challenges posed is that the students want big expensive venues (like Museum of History). Currently, a party/events company has been buying up most of the spaces, and so limits the students to specific venues. Most of the venues require paid duty police officers for the safety of the venue and party goers. At the after party, there may be a number of schools that share the same venue. The dinner/dance is June 27th.

- g. Volunteer appreciation reception hosted by OCDSB on Thursday, June 5th and tickets were distributed by Marie-Claude.
- 4. New Business – the school council container was purchased and will be housed at the school. Colonel By will be undergoing some renovations (including ramps, power doors, accessible bathrooms) this summer to improve our accessibility for students with mobility devices.
- 5. Closing – Next meeting date and time – **Tuesday, June 17th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** It will be a mini potluck so bring something to share. Charlie Costain will leave the council this year as his son graduates from Colonel By.

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