

Vincent J Maloney Catholic Junior High School
School Council AGM & September Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2017 at 6:30pm

VJM Library

In attendance: Greg Lamer, Lorne Pedersen, Linda Boyd, Lorraine Tamburrino, Michelle Bonnici, Sheri Tchir, Jan Bourgeault, Tara Hergott, Heather Dayman, Tracy Kociuba, Karla Bergstrom, Jen Stogowski, Laura Reader, Jackie Hunt, Robin Shields, Maria Leonard, Treva Eaglesham & Joe Basignal

A. Annual General Meeting - 6:30pm

1. Welcome - Greg Lamer
2. Truth & Reconciliation Statement- Greg Lamer
GSACRD acknowledges that we are meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the Homeland of the Metis Nation. We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration
3. Prayer - Greg Lamer
4. Introductions - round table
5. School Council Elections -
Those in attendance were invited to review the descriptions of positions as provided. Greg reviewed the bylaws pertaining to the election. Elections were held and results were as follows:
Chair - Linda Boyd
Vice Chair - Michelle Bonnici
Secretary - Tara Hergott
6. Adjournment - 6:38 pm

B. Regular School Council Meeting - 6:40pm

1. Adoption of Agenda- motion by Laura Reader, seconded by Sheri Tchir
2. Approval of Agenda - Approved
3. Approval of June Minutes - Approved- Clarification of gender neutral washrooms, Correction of exact date of June Meeting Minutes, (June 6th, 2017.)
4. Volunteers for Other Positions on Council
 - Compassionate Friends Coordinator - Lorraine Tamburrino & Laura Reader
 - Partners in Prayer - Lorraine Tamborrino
 - Grant Coordinator- Karla Bergstrom
 - Staff Appreciation Coordinator - Jackie Hunt
 - Volunteer Coordinator - Jackie Hunt
5. **Administration Report**
 - a. School Update - Greg and Lorne
 - Current enrollment- 477
 - Class size is currently 25-27, (160 total) students for grade 7 classes, 29-32 (161 total) for grade 8 & 26-28 (156 total) for 9 classes.
 - Staff fte (full time equivalency) is 21.45 & 7 EAs - 17 Student Groups
 - Modernization update- photo updates on blog. Two Science labs are near completion. Gymnasium is behind schedule and will not be completed by end of October. Three classrooms and one set of washrooms in Southwest corridor are well behind and may not be complete until December. Roofing is in progress and a Govt. grant will allow for solar panels to be installed fulfilling approx. 40% of

school's power needs. Some changes as a result such as first week activities, ex. Tug-o-war took place outside and went well.

- Admin change- Scott Johnston will take over as VJM principal after Christmas as Greg Lamer will assume duties at Sister Alphonse Academy
 - School Education Plan- Co-construction of criterion tied closely to IB. Focus on assessment through district PD, mental health issues for teens, technology in school, (managing information and critically evaluating what is read) and awareness of PD related to Truth & Reconciliation.
 - Review of choice Excel choice block including PowerSchool and student Excel registration process.
- b. Proposal for School Council meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

6. Trustee Update

Change of structure to Trustee meetings- One evening per month open to public and one afternoon meeting opening to public in second hour. The hope is this allows for greater access to public to present to the board.

October 15th- Trustees cease, election takes place on the 16th and then resume operation after October 30th.

7. Council Update

- a. Vote on motion to update School Council Bylaws - no vote needed
 - i. Binder available in front office with all council bylaws and information.
- c. Volunteer Coordinator- Send mass email calling for volunteers in the various committees including Good News Coordinator
- d. Committee Volunteers -
 - Confirmation of the following dates for School Council - First Tuesday of each Month with the exception of a couple months that fall within a holiday - September 26, November 7, December 5, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 10, May 1, June 5.
 - Partners in Prayer (Lorraine) - Parents meet the last Friday of the month to collect prayer requests from the students and pray for the students, teachers, school and community. Anyone is welcome to join and the first date is October 27th.

6. Next Meeting - November 7 at 6:30pm

7. Adjournment - 7:45pm