

Vincent J Maloney Catholic Junior High School
School Council November Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2017 at 6:30pm
VJM Library

In attendance: Greg Lamer, Lorne Pedersen, Lorraine Tamburrino, Michelle Bonnici, Laura Reader, Serena Shaw, Jan Bourgeault, Maria Leonard, Cara Scott, Jackie Hunt, Robin Shields
Regrets: Linda Boyd, Tara Hergott

- 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) Adoption of Agenda
- 5) Approval of Agenda - Approved
- 6) Approval of September Minutes
- 7) Welcome Serena Shaw- Trustee Chair

8. Trustee Update

- a. Pope Francis School update- \$200000 goal has been reached, (just behind schedule) Legacy project from 150 jubilee.
- b. Dreams take Flight participants- 2 from BK & VG and one from VJM.
- c. Gallup award- Staff engagement in the workplace.
- d. Trustee McAvoy has retired, all other incumbents returned and there is one new trustee, Greg Schell.
- e. Oct. 30 meeting notes-
 - i. Thank you to Colin Loiselle for Jesus mobile exhibit
 - ii. Education Foundation gathering
 - iii. Billie-Jo Grant, VJM teacher, is one of 9 recipients of the Guiding the Journey Awards. She will receive the award in a future ceremony in Montreal.
 - iv. ESSMY students annual mission to Costa Rica
 - v. Catholic Ed Sunday- Trustees read blurb on our schools in GSACRD
 - vi. Accountability Pillar report- one of the top districts in the province.
 - vii. Succession planning for Sister Alphonse

9. Administration Report

- a. Accountability Pillar results for VJM- High results and improvement. Greg and Lorne review results with staff to create goals for the school year.
- b. Education Plan, (<https://www.vjm.gsacrd.ab.ca/download/116113>)- Greg outlined VJM goals and strategies for VJM for this year.
 - i. Criterion based assessment explanation. Greg explained that it can be difficult to assess criteria with many in society wanting summative percentages instead. VJM teachers have worked with criterion. Next steps are to break down the criterion for students to understand.
 - ii. Goals for Truth & Reconciliation- Strategies for all students to improve
 - iii. “Go To” Mental Health training. Greg, Janelle & Charlotte have taken 3 days of training. All staff will take part in 4 hours of training on Nov. 10th.
 - iv. Continue Flex Block fine tuning
- c. Homeroom calendars on website for exams, quizzes and major projects.
- d. Modernization update- Science labs 116 & 121, southwest wing, gym and cafeteria, (fitness room.)
- e. Event update

10 . Council Update

- a. No chair report this month
- b. Committee report- 9 for Compassionate Friends and 9 for Staff Appreciation
- c. Partners in Prayer- many prayers this month. Next one will be Nov. 23rd. There will be one more after that prior to Christmas break.
- d. Grant being explored for fitness room and one as a result of our Solar panels.

11. Next Meeting - December 5th at 6:30pm

12. Adjournment - 7:45pm