

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School
Minutes of January School Council meeting
January 6, 2015
VJM Library

Attendees: Greg Lamer (Principal), Lorne Pedersen (Vice Principal), Linda Boyd (Council Chair), Sheri Tchir (Vice Chair), Tara Hergott (Secretary), Raynelle Constantine-Allen, Jennifer Koehler (Teacher), Angie Christman (Compassionate Friends Coordinator), Heather Damon, Candice Frayne, Rosaleen McEvoy (Trustee), Serena Albray

1. Welcome – Linda Boyd
2. Prayer was given by Greg Lamer
3. Introductions - round table
4. Approval of Agenda - Motioned by Heather, second by Sheri
5. Approval of Minutes - Motioned by Tara
6. Trustee Report (attached)
 - A copy of the Annual Education Results Report and Three year Education Plan Summary was provided.
 - December meeting- instructional calendar was presented and passed. No change to school fees except for international/out of province students.
 - Council of Councils Meetings is upcoming at the end of January.
 - Questions of how the price of oil will impact the planned new school and renovation projects.
 - Comments were shared about building new schools and renovations, and the hope of the VJM renovation progressing. Benefits to students and teachers were discussed in the learning commons environment.
 - June 13 - Gala to celebrate 100 Years of Education to help raise money
7. Administration Report (attached)
 - January 29 - last day of semester one
 - Greg and Lorne visited the elementary feeder schools in December.
 - Upcoming Wizard of Oz production will be held May 21 & 22. Auditions will begin next week.
 - A wrestling coach has been found.
 - Learning Commons Presentation - Greg Lamer.
Greg shared pictures of the Ponoka Junior/Senior High School showing the renovation and the current environment of a learning commons. It was an amazing transformation to a school built in the 1950s. The school has seen an increase in attendance, a decrease in fighting. No data related to improved achievement is available yet as the school has been complete for less than two years. The cost of the complete renovation was over 20 million.
 - Three Year Ed. Plan - attached.

- Jen Koehler - Wizard of Oz Production. 47 students came out today to get scripts for the auditions, the GCD students will be part of the production. We are working with Fowler to share costumes, etc. Band and Guitar continue to go well.

8. Council Updates

- A. VJM Good News Story - attached
- B. Compassionate Friends - Angie Christman
 - Each week, breakfast items are being brought in by committee members.
 - No known families in need at this time.
 - The counsellor runs a cafeteria bill for students and donations are welcome. Parents have supported this in the past. It was suggested that the request for donations go out school wide to increase awareness of compassionate friends its purpose. It was agreed that an email would go out to link the Student Support Fund and Compassionate Friends. The discussion continued about students in need and how we can be aware and help. The counsellor is the primary link for students to obtain assistance if they need.
- C. Partners in Prayer - Linda Boyd

This month is grade 8 and the group will meet on January 23. The group meets at VJM in the library. The chapel at the high school is also available
- D. Volunteer Coordinator (See below as discussion pertained to the upcoming luncheon)
- E. Staff Appreciation Luncheon - January 30, 2015 - Selena Abray

An email is coming to the volunteers to confirm availability. The theme will be Ukranian foods. Selena and Linda will discuss and move forward with this project.

9. Next Meeting February 3, 2015 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm