

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School
Minutes of March School Council meeting
March 3, 2015
VJM Library

Attendees: Greg Lamer (Principal), Lorne Pedersen (Vice Principal), Linda Boyd (Council Chair), Sheri Tchir (Vice Chair), Tara Hergott (Secretary), Billie-Jo Grant (teacher), Heather Damon, Nadine Trenchard

1. Welcome - Linda Boyd
2. Prayer was given by Greg Lamer
3. Introductions - not required
4. Approval of Agenda - Motioned by Tara, seconded by Sheri
5. Approval of Minutes - Motioned by Sheri, seconded by Heather
6. Trustee Report - a written update provided
7. Administrative Report -
 - a. School update attached
 - b. Generative Question: A discussion followed to generate potential questions for future community conversations. Two questions were developed:
 - i. What do authentic faith experiences look like in the 21st century? How do we help students seek authentic faith experiences.
 - ii. What are the practices that currently exist within our district regarding bullying and mean behavior and what other best practices could be explored?
 - c. School Calendar: The approved 2015/16 calendar was shared. The higher number of instructional days for next year could possibly result in an earlier dismissal on Fridays, rotating schedule on Fridays, and possibly a longer lunch break.
 - d. Upgrading our Gymnasium Drinking Fountain: Interest has been expressed in installing a drinking fountain that fills water bottles. This would be a item included within future modernization of the school. This type of fountain has been installed at other schools in the district through grant funding. If VJM were to access this grant, a new perspective on requesting this equipment would be

needed for the application.

Should we consider fundraising for the water fountain and possibly Compassionate Friends? Potential fundraising ideas were shared. Can the students do something to raise the funds if that's something they really want, rather than ask families/parents to buy something? Can this be used as a teaching experience? Do we want to begin fundraising at all? The school could find the funds to purchase the fountain if this is an item that is truly needed.

This will be brought forward again for next year.

8. Council Updates

- a. VJM Good News Story - provided
- b. Compassionate Friends - The coordinator, Angie Christma, has had an injury so Linda will take over communication in the interim. Meals for Angies' family can be brought to school and Janelle Hobbs will deliver these.
- c. Partner N Prayer - all is going well
- d. Volunteer Coordinator - School council will be needed to assist with the track concession on May 12. This will be discussed again at a later meeting.
- e. Open House - March 12. To promote school council, pictures will be shown during the presentation and parents will be invited to stop by the Parent Council table. Volunteers are needed to help at the table. Bottled water will be handed out from this table to help encourage parents to stop by.
- f. Cyclebetes - Dates and information will be shared with parents directly, as well as with students, to ensure clear communication makes it home. The students want to raise \$50,000.

9. Next Meeting - April 7 at 6:30pm, Library

10. Adjourned.