

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School
School Council AGM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday Sept 12th, 2023
In person

In Attendance: Curtis T, Aaron K, Janice E, Kerry B, Ashley D, Stephanie C, Greg Schell (Trustee)

Welcome and acknowledgement- Kerry B

Truth and Reconciliation statement 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.

Prayer – Curtis

Housekeeping – Janice E is acting secretary for this meeting.

School council report – review the annual report – minutes approved by Kerry B

- need to elect new members, a copy of the executive positions was provided for everyone to review

School Council Elections –

- **Chair-** Kerry B is willing to stay on for now but capacity is limited and would like to pass it off to someone else, her kids are also aging out of the school and her time is limited at VJM.
- **Vice Chair** – Stephanie C said she will be vice chair if no other interest
- **Secretary** - open
 - Due to limited attendance it was decided that the positions would be reviewed at the next meeting.

School Council Committee Positions-

- Partners in Prayer- Meet monthly, Kenneth was running it and Curtis will reach out and see if he is still available to help out this year.
- Staff Appreciation – Ashley will help again this year
- Volunteer Coordinator- was removed from the minutes

AGM ended at 6:47 pm

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Approval of the agenda- Ashley D

Approval of prior meeting minutes – Kerry B

Trustee Report- Greg Schell joins us to share some information on what has been happening at the other schools in the district. This was his last meeting with us, he has been with us for 3 years and will move on to represent other schools in the area.

Administration Report-

- Enrollment is up by 20% this increase created another 1.5 teachers

- The school now has 462 students enrolled, the halls are busy, great energy and strong family feeling
- September 30th will be the last day to finalize enrollment numbers and get added teacher/supports if numbers allow
- The grade 7 staggered start was great to allow the students to get a feel for the school
- The welcome back BBQ was a huge success. The kids and teachers had lots of fun. They provided the students with a chance to win some district swag. The teachers lost the tug of war!
- Many students wanted to switch options and while it took a little time they were able to help make those requests happen
- Great turnout for Senior volleyball and teams have been picked
- Junior tryouts will take place Sept 13th
- Welcome back mass Friday Sept 15th at 1:30 pm parents welcome. This is a great way to bring everyone together.
- Truth and Reconciliation will be celebrated on Friday Sept 29th activities will be incorporated in all subjects. Compassion kits will be put together by Miss. LaBuick. If anyone can help put together these bags it would be greatly appreciated.
- Tuesday Sept 18th will be Terry Fox run. All students are asked to bring in a toonie for Terry.
- Sept 25th grade 7 students will go on a Faith Retreat. The topic is "The Prize inside" with lots of prizes available such as movie passes and DQ gift cards. Over 500 students will be attending
- The Recreation program is going strong for a 3rd year, lots of interest this year there are 4 groups with a waiting list.

Chairperson Report-

- Meeting dates: Oct 10th, Nov 14th, Jan 16th Feb 13th, Mar 12th, Apr 9th, May 14th with a 6:30 start in the VJM library.
- School Council will put out a survey to see if a 6:30 start time is good for parents or if more would attend if it was a 7pm start.
- We also discussed asking parents if a different day of the week would be better.
- Talked about getting someone to create catchy things on social media to draw more attention to the meeting dates and times

Committee Report-

- Ashley D was looking for feedback on last years teacher appreciation, Curtis T said he would talk with the teacher and get back to use on what they liked or would like to change
- Last year at Christmas the teachers were treated for a week-long variety of foods for breakfast, snacks and lunch and another later in June.
- Ashley D was wondering if the week of parent teacher interviews might be a better option.

Next meeting Oct 10th at 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 pm