

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 14th, 2023
In person

In Attendance: Aaron K, Kerry B, Ashley D, Stephanie C, Susan D, Rebecca G

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 – Aaron K

Housekeeping – Kerry B is acting secretary for this meeting.

Approval of the agenda- Ashley D

Approval of prior meeting minutes – Kerry B

Trustee Report- Serena Shaw was unable to attend but sent a report-attached

Administration Report- Aaron K

- 1) We had our Halloween Activities which went very well. We were able to combine these events with a pep rally for our volleyball teams. Our junior teams managed to win Gold in their last tournament of the season. Our senior teams are well on their way with playoffs; our boys have quarter finals tonight and our girls are in the semi finals tomorrow evening.
- 2) On November 3rd, we had our Remembrance Day Service led by Harley Klak, David MacDougall and Kelly Montpetit. We were blessed to have Father Jack and Sgt. Daniel Boivin be able to come and speak to our students. This service is always one where students are extremely well mannered, and this was no exception.
- 3) Fall Break was very much enjoyed, our staff are feeling well rested and excited to continue on with the school year.
- 4) Next week, we have our Catholic School Review
 - a) This is a three day process with representatives from our district office
 - b) Students, Staff and Parents are surveyed, and interviews are conducted to discuss how Catholic Faith is permeated throughout the school.

c) We are looking forward to receiving a comprehensive report detailing our school's strengths and areas for improvement on November 22nd

5) November 26th is Catholic Education Sunday and staff from Vincent J. Maloney will be at St. Albert Catholic Parish for the 11:00 am mass. We are encouraging all of our students and parents to come out and join us. We are partnering with staff from JJ Nearing during the mass.

6) Either November 27th or December 4th, our PE classes will begin their Dance Unit.

This is Mr. Kelly's favourite unit of PE because our Grade 9 students are able to learn how to partner dance. This action packed month of learning culminates in our VJM Dance Competition which will take place on December 21st. Parents and Visitors are welcome to join to view something very unique and sacred to VJM.

7) We will once again be doing our Hampers of Hope for some of our Families in need. We look to serve approximately 10 families if we are able, and assign one family to each homeroom. We try to get some demographic information for the families and provide them with some gifts in the form of gift cards for the Christmas season. We will be sending out information about this to parents later this week.

Chairperson Report

- No report

Committee Reports

- Partners in Prayer group is meeting one more time before Christmas break
- Staff appreciation planning under way. 2 day event to take place during parent teacher interviews. Sign up wasn't as high as previous events. Information was sent out with other school news. Another email was sent on it's own to hopefully get more volunteers to send food items. Saw a response soon after another email was sent. Suggest future emails regarding council events have information sent in its own email.
- Danielle Reed presentation date/space use options discussion. Table until the new year when we have a better idea when sports will be needing the gym-if it is decided the gym will be necessary to accommodate the number of parents that may attend.

Next meeting January 16th at 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 pm