

**Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School
School Council February Meeting Agenda
Library, 6:30 pm
March 1, 2016**

In attendance:

Lorne Pedersen, Greg Lamer, Noreen Radford, John Kuciuba, Angie Christman, Hollyanne Healey, Michelle Bonnici, Kim Collister, Joanne Krips, Tara Hergott
Regrets - Linda Boyd

1. Adoption of Agenda - motion to approve by Hollyanne, second by Michelle
2. Prayer - lead by Greg. Welcome to Noreen Radford, our new Trustee representative.
3. Approval of Agenda - motion to approve by John, second Michelle
4. Approval of February Minutes- motion by John, second by Hollyanne
5. Trustee Report - provided
6. Administration Report
 - a. School Events - written summary provided
 - b. 2016/17 School Fees:

There will be no increase recommended this year as the Board of Trustees has removed the learning resource fee. Fees will decrease to \$106 per student next year.
 - c. Modernization Update:

A large part of the monies will be spent on the renovation of the heating, electrical, etc. There will be some funds for the cosmetic/programming space renovation but that amount is unknown. Once this amount is determined, priorities will be identified. Renovations could potentially begin with the start of semester two next year. Hoping for a one year turnaround.
 - d. 5 Marks of a Catholic School

Mark 1: Christian Anthropology - presentation by Greg with discussion
 - e. Final Exam Weightings:

Alberta Education final exam (departmentals) weightings were decreased from 50% of the final mark to 30% for high school students. Principals within the district met to discuss this change and current research. It was recommended that junior highs change the weighting of the final exam to be 20% of the final

mark for grade 9, 15% for grade 8 and 10% for grade 7, beginning next year. Schools were left to individually determine if they implement this recommendation this year.

VJM will implement these new recommendations this year. Parents will be made aware of this change. It was confirmed that the four core subject exams are standardized within the district.

7. Council Items

- a. Chairperson Report - no report provided
- b. Committee Reports
 - Compassionate Friends - Weekly donations of breakfast and food items continue. No extra requests from Mrs Hobbs at this time.
 - Partners in Prayer - meetings continue. They are helping next week with an optional confession project for students next week. It is hoped to have parents involved in the Easter mass and grade 9 farewell mass. An email will be sent out expressing the need for those to do a reading, etc.
- c. VJM Good News - provided

Additional question and discussion:

What was the debriefing process, if any, following the lock down?

There is no formal debriefing process. If teachers identify any students that were upset, they would be directed to Mrs Hobbs. All staff and kids were aware that this incident was not a drill so increased anxiety would be expected.

It was discussed that an announcement could be made offering a process for those that want or need to talk. Could this process be shared with parents acknowledging our kids can be anxious and need some follow up? RCMP did speak at an assembly about the use of cellphones in lock down procedures.

8. Next Meeting – April 5, 2016 @ 6:30 pm Library

9. Adjournment - 7:23pm