

Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High
School Council Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2017
Library 6:30pm

In Attendance:

Greg Lamer, Lorne Pederson, Linda Boyd, Lorraine Tamburrino, Michelle Bonnici, Sheri Tchir, Tara Hergott, Joe Becigneul, Danielle Karaki, Tao Zanetic, Jan Bourgeault, Laura Reader

1. Prayer - Lorraine
2. Truth & Reconciliation Statement - read by Linda Boyd as follows:
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.
3. Approval of Agenda - motion to adopt by Michelle
4. Approval of January Minutes - motion to adopt by Sheri
5. Guest - Mrs. Daniele Karaki - VP of SACHS
Mrs. Karaki presented information about SACHS and what it offers as students transition to high school. She invited parents to review the website and contact her for a tour or to get more information. She shared the following:
 - Wellness Day is February 8; grade 9 students from VJM will be attending.
 - SACHS offers strong programming for all students as well as scholarship and leadership opportunities
 - Fine Arts program is strong - VIMY and High School Musical are the two performances this year
 - The Open House is February 28 at 7:00pm and the IB information session is upcoming.
 - Yoga Fitness will be an option next year.
 - The construction will be complete by September 2017.
 - Eightleaves.com - this website offers Alberta High School Rankings and comparisons on schools throughout the province in many areas.
6. Trustee Report - Mr. Joe Becigneul
 - The Board approved the 2017-18 Instructional Fees for schools and have held the fees equal to those charged in the 2015-2016 year (\$60 for elementary; \$70 for junior high; \$100 for high school; \$130 for ECS)

- The board received as information the “What we Heard” consultation summary report from the Phase 1 Open House and Survey. The report was prepared by an independent consultant and will be posted to the website.
- The Board approved the assignment of designated schools for the residents of Namao (interim until the end of the school year) and Carbondale. The area of Namao will also become part of the boundary review for Ward 1 which is currently underway.
- The Board will be reviewing Ward 1 boundary options and approving two options on February 13 that will then be shared with the public for further consultation in March 2017.

7. Administration Report

- School Update - written summary provided.
- 2017/18 School Fees - The Board has reinstated a Learning Resource Fee of \$70 at the junior high level therefore the fees will be \$176. No increase to VJM fees so no motion needed
- Modernization Update - The tentative phasing and work plan was shared. Construction is anticipated to start in April or early May with this 16-17 month project being complete in the fall of 2018. The gymnasium is to be re-done in the spring and over the summer to potentially be ready for September 2017. There will be some disruption to school events typically held in the gym (Cyclebetes, awards, farewell), and these may be held in the SACHS gymnasium. There is a plan in place to rotate through currently empty classrooms to accommodate classrooms under construction. It was confirmed that all the washrooms will be gender neutral. A question was asked about who ensures the renovations are universally accessible - no one person or group ensures this but Admin will be reviewing the plan in detail to ensure this.
- School Council 3 Year Education Plan - There was insufficient attendance at last meeting to approve the plan, therefore the motion was presented tonight. Motion to adopt with changes by Tara, second by Sheri.
- BELRA Award - The School Board recognizes achievement in the district and VJM received this award for excellence in accountability results.
- Admin Update - Greg has been appointed as principal for the new St. Alphonse Academy. Although it is slated to open in January 2018, he is unsure when he will be leaving. Well wishes were shared from the group.

8. Council Update

- Chairperson Report -
 - i. New School Council Brochure approval. New brochure circulated for feedback. The idea of a Council Facebook page will be explored.
 - ii. Council representation is required at the February 16 Information Night and February 23 Open House. Email Linda if able to assist.
- Committee Reports

- i. Partners in Prayer - There was only a small number of prayer requests this month (grade 8).
- ii. Compassionate Friends - nothing needed at present.
- iii. Volunteer Coordinator - Administration is asking for 6-10 parent volunteers to help clean up after the Pancake Breakfast on March 1 from about 7:45-8:30am.
- iv. Good News - nothing to report.
- v. Staff Appreciation - much help was given and appreciated. Thank you to Lorraine for taking this on.

9. Next Meeting - March 7, 2017 @ 6:30pm, Library.

10. Adjournment - 7:45pm