

## 2020-2021 Vincent Massey School Council meeting – October 15, 2020

Attendance: Tammie Winsor, Ginette Thibeault (Principal), Janet Wallace, Jacqueline Willmore, Kate Connolly, Chrystal Beckett, Heather Munro, Allison Klus-Palermo, Christine Dalglish, Christina Moffat, Kerri Rodier, Galen Wong, Scott Macklin (VP), Jessica Sutherland

1. Meeting was called to order
2. Principal Ginette Thibeault declared the council executives as acclaimed
  - Chrystal Beckett (Co-chair)
  - Christina Moffat (Co-chair)
  - Heather Munro (Treasurer)
  - Allison Klus-Palermo (Secretary)
3. Agenda for meeting was approved and seconded (Allison Klus-Palermo, Josie Sirna)
4. Teacher + Principal updates
  - Nothing to share as the school year is just underway
5. Treasurer's Report
  - Heather asked for a letter from the Principal to give to the bank so that she can gain online access to school bank account: motion to accept request carried (Kerri Rodier; Christine Dalglish)
  - Question: Is it only 2 exec. members who've had signing authority? Answer: As far as we know, but it's easier to have all 4 exec. members on the account in case the treasurer is
  - Heather Munro and Kate Connolly approved motion to give each school division \$400 as agreed upon at the Feb.2019 council meeting.
6. Traffic safety update
  - Galen Wong (lead) announced that he will be stepping down as lead and asked if someone else would take this on
  - Ginette is looking into a u-shaped bus loop; a board surveyor has come to the school to assess the space available
  - Scott shared that 2 new bike racks will be installed at the back of the school near the baseball diamond any day now
7. Library rejuvenation
  - Tammi (lead) shared that the artwork has been installed and beanbags chairs have arrived but are in storage until after COVID.
  - Biggest challenge so far has been spending the funds raised. Reason is that the librarian only works part-time at VM and when he's at the school he's very occupied.
  - Ginette will look into whether or not another board library tech could take on extra hours to order books.
  - Jessica mentioned she know of a tech who could help (volunteer hours). Ginette will consider this option.
8. Upcoming Calendar
  - Agreed upon future meeting taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of every month (no meetings in Dec. or Mar.)
9. Other business
  - Jacqueline Willmore gave an update on the kinderyard greening project. Thanks to Jacqueline's efforts, we have been partially approved for a City of Ottawa's Community

Environmental Projects Grant Program grant of \$3850. With the grant money, plants and trees will be installed close to the fence along Smyth to help block pollutants from cars.

- A parent asked if we could consider snow removal/placement before winter, since students have limited access to play space outside at recess due to COVID.
- There was some discussion around planning ahead for something celebratory for the '20-'21 gr.8 graduates as they likely won't be able to go on a trip due to COVID.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm