

Vincent Massey School Council Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2023

Attendance:

VM staff: Julie Chouinard

Executive: Erin Corbin, Katie Eberts

Members: Christine Dagleish, Caitlin Anstee, Cheryl Khoury, Bridget Akinmadelo

Item	Time	Lead	Purpose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome 	6:30-6:35pm 5 mins	Katie	
April minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve - Cheryl, Seconded by Katie, passed 	6:35-6:40pm 5 mins	Katie	Motion
Student Council updates (If in attendance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nobody in attendance 	6:40-6:45pm 5 mins	Student Council Rep	Information sharing
(Event) End of year BBQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This event will not be taking place this year 	6:45-6:55pm 10 mins	TBD	Discussion
Grade 8 leaving event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merry Dairy fundraiser raised \$860 A full day of events is planned at Landsdowne, House of Targ, movie at Mayfair theatre and games back at the school. 	6:55-7:05pm 10 mins	TBD	Discussion

<p>Principal updates (Includes time for questions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie noted that it was a busy time at the school with many events taking place and upcoming. Kinder - enjoyed a soccer workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinder info event upcoming (all ECEs will be attending as well as the EDP supervisor to provide info) Division will be using council funds to buy pop up soccer nets/balls and will divide up the remaining funds among the individual classes for use. Junior division - using their funds from council to purchase science equipment, and potentially cards/board games for indoor recess (any game donations are welcome!) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior soccer tournament held, the girls team placed 5th, boy tournament today <p>Upcoming events -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Musical is next weekend, tickets through school cash online or at the door May 29-June 2 EQAO June 15 - Grade 4&5 lacrosse session June 23 - Junior outdoor play day June 27 - field trip Saunders farm Friday is Jump Rope for Heart - enough funds have been raised by the school that the principal will be getting a pie in the face 😊 <p>Multicultural night had a great turnout and went very well. The Board will feature the event and provide info in an upcoming message to all parents.</p> <p>Julie and Susan are working on staffing for next year - they are in wave 3 of 5/6 total.</p> <p>Cheryl asked if there were any retirements from the school this year. Julie said yes but those retiring were not currently working in the school (in virtual school or Board positions). Cheryl volunteered to draft a note to the retirees on behalf of the council. Julie will provide the contact info of those organizing a going away celebration.</p>	<p>7:05-7:15pm</p> <p>10 mins</p>	<p>Julie Chouinard</p>	<p>Information sharing</p>
<p>Teacher updates (Includes time for questions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided above with the Principal's update 	<p>7:15-7:25pm</p> <p>10 mins</p>	<p>Teacher Rep</p>	<p>Information sharing</p>
<p>(Event) Kinder meet and greet</p>	<p>7:25-7:30pm</p>	<p>Katie</p>	<p>Information sharing</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of event (June 8, 4-5:30) • Will take place in the gym and library and include activities such as colouring, bean bag toss and tours of the school so that kinders have a chance to see the school before they start. • Staff can stay but they are not expected to. 	5 mins		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening Committee • Leaves/branches along fence - to be considered for a future gardening event • There will be another gardening bee to come as there is more work to do. 	7:30-7:40pm 10 mins	Committee lead: Jacqueline	Information sharing Discussion
<p>Treasurer's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total actual: \$13,356.82 • Total available to spend \$1,933.93 <p><u>Breakdown</u></p> <p>School account: Actual \$11,509.41 Available to spend \$771.48</p> <p>Unspent educator funds: \$4,462.50</p> <p>Reserved for library: \$4,775.43</p> <p>Reserved for Makerspace: \$1,000</p> <p>Reserved for Grade 8 leaving: \$500</p> <p>Council account: Actual \$1,847.41 Available to spend \$1,162.45</p> <p>Owed for multicultural event: \$406.68</p> <p>Owed for movie night: \$228.28</p> <p>Reserved for mulch: \$50</p>	7:40-7:45pm 5 mins	Erinn (Katie presented on Erinn's behalf)	Information sharing
<p>Vote on spending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to cover AV costs for Intermediate dance (\$847.50) <p>Unfortunately funds were already committed before seeking council approval as it was mentioned that council had funded a similar event in the past (this would have been a few years ago). Julie noted that the school would cover whatever was not funded by council. A</p>	7:45-7:55pm 10 mins	Katie	Decision

<p>proposal was made to cover half the costs given that the event benefits only a portion of the school population. This was agreed by those in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other? One parent asked if the mural in the kinder yard could be re-covered in order to preserve it. (its creation was originally funded by school council). Cheryl will look into what would be needed and how much it would cost. No vote on spending during this meeting. 			
<p>Next month's meeting - plan 2023-24 school year activities</p> <p>-Vote on in person vs virtual meeting</p> <p>-Select dates of known activities</p> <p>Members in attendance were supportive of continuing virtual meetings for next year with the suggestion that a couple of meetings be in person with the dates set in advance so that parents could plan their attendance. Also agreed to keep the same start time (6:30) and to continue with the third Wed. of each month.</p> <p>Discussed bringing ideas for next year's events to the next meeting so that a calendar for the year can be created. (including fundraising and community events)</p> <p>Suggestion was raised to invite new kinder families to the last council meeting as guests. One idea suggested for next year would be to combine a BBQ with the meet the staff night (could have food trucks to supply supper). Will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>7:55-8:00pm</p> <p>5 mins</p>	<p>Katie</p>	<p>Information sharing</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">End meeting Next meeting is June 22 @ 6:30pm IN PERSON</p>			