

Vincent Massey School Council Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2023

Attendance:

VM staff: Julie Chouinard

Executive: Erin Corbin, Katie Eberts, Erinn Brooks

Members: Cheryl Khoury, Tori Moore, Allison Klus Palermo

Meeting held in person in VM library

Item	Time	Lead	Purpose
1. Welcome	6:30-6:35pm 5 mins	Katie	
2. May minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve - motion passed, minutes approved 	6:35-6:40pm 5 mins	Katie	Motion
3. Principal updates (Includes time for questions) Julie advised that Susan Bower (Vice-Principal) would be leaving VM to be a Principal at another school for the next school year. There are two retiring teachers - Cheryl will prepare cards on behalf of council. Julie will include a note in the end of year email about teachers that are leaving the school. Kinder mural will be re-protected in the fall. Kinder slide is eroding, can be backfilled for now but may need to be redone at some point. Library - facilities toured the library to assess for lights, paint and flooring.	6:40-6:45pm 5 mins	Julie	Information sharing
4. Teacher updates (Includes time for questions) -see above under Principal updates	6:45-6:55pm 10 mins	TBD	Information sharing
5. Gardening Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer help/watering schedule Jacqueline was not in attendance. She has some volunteers already and will coordinate schedule for summer watering.	6:55-7:00pm 5 mins	Jacqueline	Information sharing (possible request for more volunteers)
6. Treasurer's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current balances 	7:00-7:10pm	Erinn	Information sharing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Check-in on status of allocated spending (mulch, multi-cultural event, grade 8 leaving) ● Total spendable going into next year <p>Funds - Library - \$4,775 Makerspace - \$1,000 Available to spend - \$1,900</p> <p>Known spending for the year - Multicultural night - usually about \$500 Would like to give money to divisions again next year - aim for earlier in the year so that they can plan their spending. Discussed allocating funds after the first event (including the t-shirt sales) so we know the total funds available.</p> <p>Other potential items - Indigenous event Helmets/equipment</p>	10 mins		
<p>7. 2023-24 school year activities planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Map out known activities (with emphasis on spreading out activities throughout school year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School-led <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pizza ■ Multicultural event ○ Student Council-led (if/as known) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Popcorn ■ Merry Dairy ○ School Council-led <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FlipGive - ongoing ■ Mabels Labels -ongoing (school led) ■ Gardening ■ Spirit boxes - decided not to proceed with this idea ■ Movie nights - plan for at least two times during the year (January, April) ■ Scholastic Book Fair - yes will take place in November ■ Book Giveaway - March ■ Dance-a-thon - February ■ Kinder meet and greet - June <p>Also, Multicultural event - school teacher led with parent volunteers and council support - May</p>	7:10-8:10pm 60 mins	All	Decision

Council discussed having a council led portion during the meet the teacher night as a community building/fundraising activity. It was agreed that there would be some games, families could order pizza and that council would organize some VM t-shirts to sell. A t-shirt design is ready. Council voted to allocate \$900 to the purchase of the t-shirts if needed (if need to be pre-purchased). (May be able to sell in preorders through school cash online)

There was also a discussion of whether council could fundraise for a specific larger initiative. Would be important to know in advance as if council wants to use funds for something specific, this should be clear during the fundraising activity.

Options discussed -

- restart the library rejuvenation project
 - would need dedicated team to guide this
 - create a learning space for one section?
 - createthe Makerspace - need to understand from teachers how it would be used. Who would maintain it - could it be mobile
 - first steps - to fund workshops for teachers that will use it? Could it be sustainable so that it wouldn't have to be continuously restocked

-outdoor learning space

- Pleasant Park has just done this recently and shared some resources with Allison
- cost for them was \$64K
- this would be a multi year fundraising project
- discussion about the use by teachers and what they would like to see

Was also discussion on the play structures and whether they are close to the end of their life. These are not replaced by the Board so could also need to be funded by council. Julie will check what the end of life is for them before determining if this is something urgent.

Council decided to survey the teachers on what they thought would be most used/wanted by the school. Allison will prepare the survey and share with Julie for distribution to the teachers.

<p>8. Next year's meeting dates and locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3rd Wednesday of every month <u>except</u> where holidays/observational days occur ● Virtual with some in-person (as voted in May 2023 meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ decide which dates are in-person <p>There was no time remaining for this agenda item. As dates were voted at the May meeting, left specific timing of in person dates to be determined by council at start of next school year.</p>	<p>8:10-8:20pm</p> <p>10 mins</p>	<p>Katie</p>	<p>Decision</p>
<p>9. Roundtable / final thoughts before ending school year</p> <p>Nothing noted.</p>	<p>8:20-8:30pm</p> <p>10 mins</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Discussion</p>
<p>End meeting Next meeting is September 20 @ 6:30pm</p>			