

# Vincent Massey School Council Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2024 (Virtual)

Item
<p><b>1. Welcome</b> Attendance: Nicholas Lafrance, Lindsay Foote, Laurie Mackenzie, Valerie DeFranco, Christine Dalgleish, Dostali Nabizada, Mari Takeda, Seen Dukht, Wali Behsudi, Azizullah Shirzai, Cheryl Khoury skylan hill, Erin Hayes, Ashy Q, Atefeh J Katie, Erin,</p>
<p><b>2. Principal updates</b> April 8 school's closed because of the solar eclipse. Teachers will be at the school. Waiting for guidance from the Ministry Next Wed - pink shirt day SIPSA - literacy, math, mental health and well-being. Shift in literacy - Ufly tools, mid year Dibbles assessments being done now. Elevators running again</p>
<p><b>3. Teacher updates - Lindsay Foote</b> Mini musicale - predict which French songs will be the most popular - done with kids all over the world. Bracket style. Wed - junior coding club, grades 4-6. New challenge each week. Tues - creative club, grades 4-6, Making bracelets, henna tattoos, painting, origami etc. Kinder - celebrated 100 days of learning. Had first pizza day, contributed to curling workshops. Grade 8 - next Thurs Feb 29 6-7 information night for leaving trip (Montreal). Hillcrest high school. Carleton, Ottawa U - grade 8 students can attend some classes. Try some classes in areas of interest. 39 kids will be attending. Classes have been skating at Canterbury. (junior and intermediate) Week before March break is spirit week. Also hosting Luv to Groove that week. Intermediate classes - this week and next - Indigenous based law activity. Speakers coming in to talk about how laws impact Indigenous peoples. Career paths within the law etc. Black youth justice program doing similar type of presentations and a field trip.</p>
<p><b>4. Student council updates</b> No one in attendance.</p>
<p><b>5. Treasurer's report</b> \$9,107.59 - makerspace \$1,000, \$5,000 spent on library furniture.</p>
<p><b>6. Event: Book Giveaway</b> -book sorting March 6 - need volunteers! Includes lego drive that will be used for the makerspace. Collections starting - will be done at the school, kids can bring books to their homeroom or there are boxes at the office. Collection ends March 4th.</p>

Teachers can come at the end of the day to take leftover books for their classroom.  
Would like donations of milk crates if anyone had some.  
Set aside box of books pre-selected for their level – such as kinders, grade 1. They could pick from that selection in their own class.  
Atefeh, Erin C, Erin Hayes said they would volunteer.

Library - 8 new tables (wavy) on wheels, can raise and lower as well. New square table for cooperative learning. New desk for librarian as well.  
Also going through the books in detail to weed out some that haven't been checked out for a long time.  
On the wish list - some additional furniture including a couch \$7,000 (total on the wish list about \$25,000)  
Council will consider whether this is something that should be on the list to fundraise for in the upcoming year.

7. Event: Trivia Night  
This event will not be pursued for this year.. Working on a raffle through the square site.  
Accepting donations through school cash online for the trip.

8. Event: Vincent Massey Moves  
April 26, Link has been added to the donation page on the school council site. Money will be used for general school projects (library, field trips).  
Val has coordinated a schedule with the teacher leads.  
DJ has been booked (\$500/day) - 15 year-old student. Covered by a donation.  
Sonia Payette - RE agent in Riverview park will pay for lighting.  
DJ's dad will pay for a pizza party for the class that raises the most funds.  
Kids will be able to dance for 30 minutes.  
Volunteers to help decorate the night before would be great.

9. Other events  
-movie night (April 19) Going to try and offer two movies. However there is not enough sound equipment/projector for both. Call out will be made to the school community. Allow flexibility to choose movies for different age groups. Nicholas mentioned that some schools do an early show and later show for the different age groups. Erin H said she would volunteer.  
-multi-cultural event (May 9th) Will be looking for volunteers - call out will come in the next school email. Cheryl, Laurie and Erin indicated they could help. Council will fund the expenses for this.  
-kinder meet and greet (June 12) For incoming and returning kinders.

10. Roundtable  
Discussed potential to have a presenter that council could fund for the National Indigenous Peoples Day.  
There is a request form through the Board.  
Christine said that she would be interested in helping.  
Masc provides programming in this area.  
  
Merchandise - should be ready soon. Will be delivered to the school office for delivery to students via their teachers.

Katie mentioned that it was her second year as Chair so this will be her last year. Council will be looking for those that might want to take on the position. Katie is happy to discuss and provide information on what the position was like.  
Could be specific to the school constitution.

End meeting

Next meeting is March 20 @ 6:30pm (virtual)